

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

**Minutes of the meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum
in County Buildings, Ayr on 7 November 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

Present: P Zive (Chair). , C Andrew, A.Stewart, E McArthur, J Govan, M Ankers

Attending: D Cuthill.

Apologies: R Russell, R Rennie and Sergeant Dougan.

**Attending for South
Ayrshire Council:** A Nelson, Co-ordinator, Democratic Services.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received as detailed above.

3. Minutes of the Previous South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum meeting of 15 August 2018

The minutes of the South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum meeting held on 15 August 2018 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve the minutes as a correct record; proposed by M Ankers seconded by P Zive.

4. Matters Arising from the South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Decided: to note the position.

5. Minutes of the Joint South Ayrshire Licensing Forum and South Ayrshire Licensing Board meeting held on the 15 August 2018

The Minutes (issued) of the joint South Ayrshire Licensing Forum and South Ayrshire Licensing Board meeting held on the 15 August 2018 was submitted.

Decided: to note the Minutes of the Joint Ayrshire Licensing Forum and South Ayrshire Licensing Board meeting held on 15 August 2018.

6. Matters Arising from the Joint Meeting

Forum members felt the meeting was positive and that the Licensing Board welcomed the Forum's comprehensive response to the consultation on the Board's Policy Statement. Forum members also welcomed the change in accommodation.

C Andrew provided Forum members with a verbal update on the Board's Draft Policy Statement. She advised that, after the consultation period, the revised Policy Statement would be presented to the Licensing Board on the 22 November 2018 for approval. She also advised that all responses to the consultation were available online and encouraged members to read them.

Regarding the point in the Forum's response to the Draft Policy Statement relating to the requirement for greater clarity as to what actually determined a 'family friendly pub' A Stewart expressed surprise that the Licensing Board reverted to the Forum for their thoughts. Forum members debated this as some members felt that being at the front face of the industry they may be best placed to provide greater clarity.

C Andrew intimated that there was nothing in the Draft Policy Statement that suggested there was overprovision. She went on to explain that the Licensing Board had listened and had taken on board some of the issues raised via the consultation i.e. Noise Nuisance. C Andrew advised that any new premises, wishing to have entertainment, would now require to provide a sound engineer's report with their application for a licence.

C Andrew provided the Forum members with some of the statistical information that was provided to the Licensing Board for member's consideration when reviewing the Policy Statement.

Decision: to note comments.

7. Minutes of the previous South Ayrshire Licensing Board meetings of 16 August and 13 September 2018

The Minutes (issued) of the meetings of South Ayrshire Licensing Board which had taken place since the previous Forum meeting were submitted.

Decided: to note the Minutes of the South Ayrshire Licensing Board meetings of 16 August 2018 and 13 September 2018.

8. Matters Arising from the Board Minutes

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Item 6 – Personal Licence Renewals

C Andrew made Forum members aware of the process involved in the renewal of a personal licence. Personal Licences required to re-newed every 10 years with

refresher training requiring to be undertaken after 5 years. C Andrew intimated that within South Ayrshire around 450 licences were due to renewal by August 2019.

During the process Police Scotland and the Home Office required to be consulted. C Andrew expressed particular concern regarding premises managers bearing in mind that festive period was near and that refresher training required to be undertaken. C Andrew was currently pulling together a list of training providers however it was noted that the maximum attendance for a course was 18.

Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Forum members discussed the variation of premises licence for the Red Lion, Prestwick (16/8/18 meeting) where the Licensing Board appeared to withdraw a condition that was not detailed in the variation. The Forum felt there appeared to be a lack of consistency with the Board's consideration relating to the Premises Licence Review Request – The Carrick, Maybole (13/9/18 meeting). A Premises Licence Review is held when mandatory conditions are not met over a sustained period of time and the LSO is unable to get the premises to comply with a notice or when there are complaints or issues which have been unable to be resolved through mediation, which was not the case with the Red Lion. The Board subsequently agreed to impose further conditions, to the licence of The Carrick, which included continued monitoring by the Licensing Standards Officer and Environmental Health Officers. It was however noted in the Minutes that the licence holder (The Carrick) could apply for a variation of these conditions in due course if the premises were operating to the satisfaction of the Licensing Standards Officer and the Environmental Health Service. It was difficult to understand why this had been specifically minuted for this licence and not for the Red Lion which was considered at the previous meeting, albeit that the Licensee of the Red Lion could apply for a variation also.

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As above. It was also noted that The Royal Hotel, Crosshill had surrendered their licence.

9. Proposed dates for South Ayrshire Licensing Forum 2019

The proposed dates (issued) for South Ayrshire Licensing Forum for 2019 were submitted.

Decision: to approve the dates for South Ayrshire Licensing Forum 2019 and agreed that the Joint Meeting with South Ayrshire Licensing Board should take place on 6 November 2019.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A Stewart intimated that she would be happy to provide the Forum members with an overview of the Scottish Government's new Framework on Drug and Alcohol.

Decision: to agree that A Stewart would provide an overview of the Scottish Government's Framework on Drug and Alcohol at a meeting scheduled for 2019.

11. Date and Time of the next Forum Meeting

The next meeting of the Forum would take place on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 10.00am in the Troon Committee Room, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 10.45pm