

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM**

**Minutes of the meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum  
in County Buildings, Ayr on 14 August 2019 at 10.00 a.m.**

**Present:** P Zive (Chair), A Kelly, A Stewart, C Andrew, D Cuthill and S Paton.

**Apologies:** J Lindsay, M Ankers, R Rennie, R Russell, Serg. D Dougan and S Sangha.

**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 previous Forum meeting 5 June 2019**

The minutes of the South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum meeting held on 5 June 2019 (issued) were submitted.

**Decided:** to approve the minutes as a correct record; proposed by A Stewart and seconded by S Paton.

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

Relating to Item 7 of the Minutes, C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer intimated that it was encouraging that the South Ayrshire Licensing Board (the Board) were continuing to scrutinise applications for extended hours and in particular the reasons for the extensions. She went on to remind members that there had been a successful partnership event which Police Scotland had attended. Although not a licensing issue Police Scotland did discuss the impact extended hours had on their resources.

C Andrew also advised that late hour visits, to establishments within Prestwick and Ayr, by members of the Board had taken place. C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer had not received any formal feedback from the Board regarding their findings but agreed to keep Forum members up-to-date on how the Board would take the matter of extended hours applications forward.

5. **Minutes of previous South Ayrshire Licensing Board meetings:-**

The Chair made the undernoted comments:-

**Minutes of 16 May 2019**

The Chair highlighted that a new premises (Iceland Foods) had been granted a provisional off sales licence at the Heathfield Retail Park. The Application for Variation of Premises Licences relating to an establishment in Maybole which had been the subject of a premises review a number of months before, has now managed to rectify the issues and had been granted a variation to remove the conditions the Board had imposed.

Relating to the Forum's recent discussions about Extended Hours the Chair drew members' attention to the application for Extended Hours for the Vinyl Nightclub for a Special Guest DJ which had divided the Board and the application was only granted after the Chair exercised his casting vote.

**Draft Minutes of 13 June 2019**

The Chair intimated that the draft Minutes referred to the establishment of a Working Group to examine further at the Council's Licensing Policy and also the late hour visits.

C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer also highlighted, under Applications for Variation of Premises Licences the application for The Buf, Arthur Street, Ayr. Their application proposed a change to their licensing hours, on a Sunday, from 10.00am to midnight to a variation of noon to 2.30am, if approved this would result in The Buf being open until 2.30am on a Thursday to Sunday inclusive. This application had been continued to the August meeting of the Board and until a late hour visit had taken place.

**Decided:** to note the Minutes of the South Ayrshire Licensing Board meetings held on the 16 May 2019 and the draft Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 June 2019.

6. **Matters Arising from the previous South Ayrshire Licensing Board Minutes**

C Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer intimated that there had been an increase in the number of extended hours applications and the Board, as intimated, had requested that a consultation group be established to discuss and review this issue. As discussed previously, it was premises that would previously have been known as night clubs that sought extended hours but increasingly 'pubs' were applying for extensions with some 'pubs' operating as 'night clubs'. The reason for the extensions were being scrutinised and what was determined as a 'special' event, historically a 'special' event would be a local or national event i.e. Ayr Races, Girvan Folk Festival, and the Air Show however increasingly applications for licence extensions were being requested for 'DJ Nights' and celebrity appearances.

Forum members again discussed the question of why premises required extended hours; and what happened within premises during extended hours that could not happen within normal licence hours. A Stewart, Health Improvement Officer, NHS intimated that she would endeavour to obtain some statistical information relating to hospital admissions for alcohol related issues.

C Andrews, Licensing Standards Officer also advised that the Board would be considering an interesting application for a licence for new premises in Maidens. The owners had purchased the former public toilets and converted them into a café/bar.

**7. Report from each Forum Member on individual experiences since the previous meeting.**

The Chair explained that he had asked for this item to be added to the agenda to encourage each member to give feedback. Whilst the Chair appreciated that not everyone had made it along to a Board meeting so far, their membership on the Forum was to represent their views in relation to decisions by the Board and the impact of these decisions on the wider community and therefore the Chair wondered if any Forum members had attended any events or had any experiences over the summer months.

**S Paton**

S Paton intimated that he had attended the training session at Craig Tara emphasising that it was a well-attended interesting course. He also intimated that he was encouraged by the enthusiasm the attendees had about their role within the licenced trade. D Cuthill suggested that training maybe an agenda item for the Forum's meeting with the Board.

**D Cuthill**

Although not a licensing issue D Cuthill's concerns were the lack of parking, double yellow lines and the lack of suitable lighting in the Harbour Road area of Maidens which impacted on the licence premises there.

**A Kelly**

A Kelly commented on the number of customers that congregate around licenced premises entrances to have a cigarette and wondered if this was legally correct. C Andrews, Licensing Standards Officer thought it was as long as the customer was outside the premises but agreed to raise the matter with Environmental Health.

**8. Proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2020.**

The proposed schedule of meetings for 2020 (issued) were submitted.

**Decided:**

- 1) to approve the Schedule of Meetings for 2020.

- 2) to circulate the Schedule of Meetings for 2020 to all Forum members.
- 3) to circulate the dates of future Board meetings to all Forum members.

**9. Any Other Competent Business**

After discussion, it was also agreed that members should be asked if they had any specific items they wished placed on the agenda for the joint meeting with the Board on the 6 November 2019.

**Decided:** to invite Forum members to submit any agenda items for the forthcoming joint meeting with the Board.

**10. Date and Time of the next Forum Meeting**

The next meeting of the Forum would take place on Wednesday 6 November 2019 at 10.00am in the Troon Committee Room followed by the joint meeting with South Ayrshire Licensing Board at 11.00am in the Maybole Committee Room, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 11.25 am