

**MINUTES of MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2007**

Present:

Gordon Tran (Chair)

Louise Ballantyne
Russell Buchanan
Eric Box
Cath Cakebread
Kenny Harrison
Brian Kupris

Violet MacLean
Calum MacLachlainn
Raymond Park
George Ross
Steven Shaw

Attending:

Susan Mair, Clerk to Licensing Board
Verona MacDonald, Licensing Manager
Rona Stewart, Licensing Assistant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Fred Bruce, Roanna Taylor and Catherine Dobbie

Susan Mair suggested that the members of the Forum set up a constitution before the next meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Susan Mair asked for nominations of Chairperson. Louise Ballantyne, Calum MacLachlainn and Gordon Tran put themselves forward. Each of them then in turn gave a brief resume of their background and experience. A vote was then taken and Gordon Tran was duly elected Chair.

3. FEEDBACK ON TRAINING COURSE

Gordon Tran advised that he felt the Training Course attended by the members was very helpful but they agreed that it would be beneficial to seek further training. It was also suggested that the LLF members would be invited to trade briefings being organised. It was agreed that this item would be carried forward onto the next agenda.

4. MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHANGES TO LIQUOR LICENSING LEGISLATION

Copies of an extract from the Handbook for Licensing Board Members produced by Servwise were circulated to members of the Forum. Verona MacDonald advised that she thought it might be of interest and assistance to members.

5. TIMESCALES FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE LICENSING BOARD'S POLICY STATEMENT

Gordon Tran questioned when the policy statement is due to be issued. He was advised by Susan Mair that the draft statement would be going to the Licensing Board Meeting on 9th October 2007 after which it will be available to Local Licensing Forum members. Susan hoped it would be issued before the next LLF meeting which was hoped to be at the start of November, as she thought it would be important to get input and feedback from the LLF. Eric Box queried how long the members would have to study the statement before the next meeting and was advised by Susan Mair that hopefully the statement would be released a week after the October Licensing Board Meeting then the Local Licensing Forum members would have a four week period to discuss the policy statement.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Feedback on Training Course

Setting up an internet site for feedback from the public

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

With regard to the vacancy on the Forum, Calum MacLachlainn expressed the view that this should be filled by a young person. He said that he is aware of a few people who would be interested in becoming involved in the Forum.

Cath Cakebread highlighted the need to ensure that the focus is not purely on young people as she is aware through her work, of the alcohol problems experienced by older people.

Susan Mair advised that she would bring the views of the Forum to the attention of the Council who are responsible for the appointment of members to the Forum

8. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would be held on Thursday 1st November 2007 in the Council Chamber, Kilmory at 1.00pm.