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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **LOCAL LICENSING FORUM** will be held in the **MEMBERS ROOM, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2009** at **10:15 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart
Director of Corporate Services

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 - Friday 20 February 2009 – Multi-Agency Training for Conveners of Forums / Boards and Licensing Standards Officers – Glasgow
 - Friday 20 March 2009 – The 2nd Annual Licensing Board Conveners' Conference – "Preparing for the end of transition", Edinburgh

9. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Update from Head of Legal and Protective Services and Strathclyde Police (verbal)

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

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**MINUTES of MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the MEMBERS ROOM,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2008**

Present: Eric Box (Convener)

Cath Cakebread, Argyll & Bute Addiction Team Manager
Roanna Taylor, Young Scot
Calum MacLachlainn, Licensed Trade
Brian Kupris, Community Representative
Fred Bruce, Community Representative
J Russell Buchanan, Ex Licensee
Kenneth Harrison, Community Representative
Thomas Gray, Young Person

Attending: Charles Reppke, Head of Democratic Services and Governance
Susan Mair, Head of Legal and Protective Services
Alan Morrison, Operations Manager, Environmental Health
Inspector Tom Harper, Strathclyde Police
Rita Campbell, Press and Journal

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated by Catherine Dobbie, Education Support Officer; David Greenwell, ADAT; Steven Shaw, Licensed Trade; George Ross, Licensed Trade; Louise Ballantyne, Local Training Provider; Violet MacLean, Community Representative.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Local Licensing Forum of 9 October 2008 were approved as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION ON NOISE NUISANCE ISSUES IN ARGYLL AND BUTE

The Forum received an informative presentation from the Operations Manager, Environmental Health on Protective Services and the Links to Liquor Licensing.

The work of Protective Services was outlined in the presentation and Mr Morrison highlighted their aims in relation to noise issues associated with the licensed trade and the health impacts. The relationship Protective Services have with the Licensing Board and Strathclyde Police was discussed as were the challenges that are faced and how these could be tackled by the Forum.

The Operations Manager intimated that noise can have an impact on a person's physical, social; and psychological wellbeing. The public, in general, are becoming less tolerant of noise and this is highlighted by a 300% increase in noise complaints over the last 4 years.

When a noise complaint is received as well as assessed by a range of sophisticated sound monitoring devices as is assessed using objective and subjective standards. To achieve effective noise controls Environmental Health use their own enforcement powers rather than relying on the Licensing Board. However, working with other bodies and agencies is essential in attempting to reduce noise nuisance.

5. DISCHARGING THE ROLE OF THE FORUM

Following positive feedback from John MacFarlane, National Licensing Officer at the National Licensing Conference 2008, the Forum can be assured that their meetings are both engaging and proactive. However, clarification is to be sought from the Scottish Government regarding a Good Practice Guide to confirm the way forward.

The Head of Legal and Protective Services confirmed training dates have been organised during January and February and the Chairs of the Forum and the Board are welcome to attend.

Decision

1. Eric Box agreed to attend the training sessions and provide feedback to the Forum at the next appropriate meeting.
2. Agreed that Charles Reppke, Calum MacLachlainn and Roanna Taylor will meet to discuss a consultation exercise involving young people. This could be run in conjunction with Young Scot and Dialogue Youth.

6. CONSIDER SUBMISSION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Forum considered the written submissions intended to be circulated to the Community Councils to raise awareness of the Local Licensing Forum and its Members.

Decision

1. Agreed that the letter be circulated to all Community Councils in Argyll and Bute.
2. Agreed that the Contact Details sheet include the name and the locality of each member.

7. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The Forum received an informative presentation from the Team Manager of the Argyll and Bute Addiction Team. The presentation highlighted that Scotland's alcohol related mortality rate for both men and women is higher than any other area of the UK. Furthermore Argyll and Bute has the ninth highest rate of general acute hospital inpatient discharges with an alcohol related diagnosis in 2006/07 out of the 32 Council areas.

Statistics were taken from the SALSUS 2006 which questioned 816 children from seven schools within Argyll and Bute. The results emphasised the need to raise awareness of alcohol issues within schools.

Decision

- Agreed to collate statistics over a longer period of time to establish trends.

The Forum considered a report by the Head of Legal and Protective Services which is intended to be used as a baseline.

It was confirmed that the LSO positions will be advertised in January.

Decision

- Agreed to continue to the next meeting to enable Forum members to ask any questions.

Strathclyde Police confirmed that from November 2006 to November 2007 there were 40 incidents recorded, and from November 2007 to November 2008 there were 36 incidents recorded. The Chair suggested that a statistical base be established to allow the monitoring of these results over a period of time.

Decision

- Agreed that Strathclyde Police would provide statistics and answer questions at the next meeting.

8. RECRUITMENT

The Head of Democratic Services and Governance confirmed that the adverts to recruit two community representatives will be placed in January with a return date to coincide with the next meeting of the Forum.

Decision

- Agreed to note the detail.

9. ASSISTING THE LICENSING BOARD

The Head of Legal and Protective Services informed the Forum of the Licensing Board meeting dates for 2009, which are as follows:

Thursday 29 January
Thursday 26 February
Thursday 26 March
Thursday 23 April
Thursday 28 May

These meetings are usually held in Kilmory at 11.30am but this is subject to change. Any member wishing to attend should contact the Head of Legal and Protective Services to ensure the relevant paperwork can be sent out.

10. DATES OF LOCAL LICENSING FORUM MEETINGS 2009

- Thursday 12 February 2009 at 10.15am in Council Chambers, Kilmory.
- Thursday 9 April 2009 at 10.15am in Council Chambers, Kilmory.
- Thursday 11 June 2009 at 10.15am in Council Chambers, Kilmory.
- Thursday 13 August 2009 at 10.15am in Council Chambers, Kilmory.
- Thursday 8 October 2009 at 10.15am in Council Chambers, Kilmory.

ARGYLL & BUTE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

Argyll & Bute Council,
Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT

Convener: Eric Box

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Date: 21 January 2009

Dear Chair

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM ARGYLL AND BUTE

I am writing to introduce the Argyll & Bute Local Licensing Forum to you and to the Members of your Community Council. I am also going to ask for your help.

The Forum recently issued a press release that gave a brief overview of its responsibilities and a copy of it is attached.

You may well be aware of the changes in liquor licensing law that are due to come about as a result of the enactment of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. This will bring radical change to the system of licensing which has operated since 1976.

The licensing objectives set out in the Act are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Securing public safety
- Preventing public nuisance
- Protecting and improving public health and
- Protecting children from harm

In terms of the Act, the role of the Forum is to keep under review the operation of the Act and, in particular, to keep under review the Licensing Board's exercise of its functions. The Forum is required also to give advice and make recommendations to the Board.

The Forum will be informed in its work by information it will receive from agencies such as the Police, the NHS, Environmental Health and the new Licensing Standards Officers.

However, the Forum is clear that Community Councils have the potential to greatly assist its work by the provision of information and advice on how the Act is operating within communities. I hope, therefore, that we shall be able to develop a continuing relationship with Community Councils to that end.

In addition to the copy press release on the work of the Forum, I attach a list of contact details for the Forum members. They are drawn from a variety of backgrounds including licensed trade representatives, public authorities and community representatives and it may be that at sometime in the future either they or you would wish to make contact in respect of matters that are of common interest.

I hope this brief letter and its attached papers provide an overview of the work of the Licensing Forum and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to email me at ebfcc@hotmail.com.

I would ask you to draw this letter to the attention of your Community Council and ensure that the widest possible publicity is given to it within your local community.

Meantime, if there are issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the Forum now, I very much hope you will either contact a local member or get in touch with me, direct.

With kind regards

Eric Box
Convener

PRESS RELEASE

The Argyll and Bute Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum meets regularly 5 / 6 times a year in Lochgilphead.

The Forum, which is made up of residents from throughout the area, along with representatives from Health, Education, Social Work, the licensed trade and youth organisations, has the job of keeping new licensing legislation under review and offering support and advice to the Licensing Board on carrying out its functions.

Forum Convener, Eric Box of Lochgilphead said, "The Forum is here to represent the views of the whole community and I would be keen to hear from anyone who has an interest in licensing.

"To date, the Forum has been mainly involved with the consultation process around the development of the Board's policy statement and I'm pleased to say that most of the recommendations we have made have been adopted."

He added "I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and to working closely with the Board to meet the aims and objectives of the legislation."

Chair of the Licensing Board, Councillor Danny Kelly of Kilcreggan said, "I am encouraged by the discussion that we have had with Forum members at this first joint meeting and am pleased to see such a representative group of people. I am particularly pleased that there is youth representation on the Forum with Aileen Semple and Thomas Gray-Stephens from Lochgilphead High.

"The Licensing Board faces a very difficult task ahead with the amount of work we need to get through as the new legislation comes into force, and probably for several years after that. The support and help of the Forum will prove invaluable."

Further information on the Licensing Board and the Forum can be found on the Council website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk

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ARGYLL & BUTE ADAT

Supt Raymond Park
 Chair
 c/o Argyll & Bute Addiction Team
 Argyll & Bute Hospital
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 Lochgilphead
 Argyll

15th January 2009

Mr Eric Box
 Chair of the Licensing Forum
 c/o Argyll & Bute Council
 Kilmory
 Lochgilphead
 Argyll

Dear Mr Box

At a recent meeting of the Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drug Team (ABADAT) it was agreed that we should contact the Licensing Forum and Licensing Board regarding the issue of displaying alcohol unit content at major outdoor events.

The ABADAT membership agreed that it would be beneficial for the Licensing Board to request that all major outdoor events with a licence to sell alcohol display the unit content of the alcohol products they are selling alongside the volume, price and alcohol by volume (ABV).

Eg:

<i>Stella Artois</i>	<i>Pint</i>	<i>£3.50</i>	<i>5.2%ABV</i>	<i>3 units</i>
<i>Merlot wine</i>	<i>250ml</i>	<i>£4</i>	<i>14%ABV</i>	<i>3.5 units</i>

This request has come about as a result of research undertaken at the Connect Festival in Inveraray in 2007 & 2008 by NHS Highland Public Health department. For the last two years they have undertaken surveys of people attending the festival to ascertain their knowledge of alcohol units and sensible drinking recommendations. It became evident that, while recommended sensible drinking knowledge was reasonably high in some quarters, most individuals had no perception of the number of units contained within the alcoholic drinks they were consuming at the event.

All of the major alcohol outlets at the event prominently displayed details of the products for sale, the volume, price and ABV **but not the units**.

A requirement for licence holders to display the units per drink would allow the public to easily calculate the amount of alcohol they were consuming and to make informed choices regarding the sensible drinking recommendations.

The ABADAT agreed that major outdoor events, such as the Connect Festival, are an appropriate target for such an initiative as all alcohol products are served in plastic glasses with no labelling or information.

If you require any further information regarding this proposal please contact Craig McNally, Senior Health Promotion Specialist on 01436 655076.

The ABADAT hopes you are able to support this request.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Park

Raymond Park
Chair

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