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## NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **LOCAL LICENSING FORUM** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2012** at **10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director - Customer Services

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- Wednesday 11 April 2012
- Wednesday 18 July 2012
- Wednesday 17 October 2012

**LOCAL LICENSING FORUM**

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**MINUTES of MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2011**

**Present:** Eric Box, Community Representative (Chair)

Eric Dearie, Licensing Standards Officer  
Calum MacLachlainn, License Trade  
Martin Donovan, License Trade  
Fred Bruce, Community Representative  
Iain McNaughton, Community Representative  
Cath Cakebread, Argyll and Bute Addiction Team Manager  
Roanna Clark, Young Scot Co-ordinator  
Peter Robertson, Argyll and Bute Council  
Inspector Alistair Davidson, Strathclyde Police  
Hannah MacPhee, Young Person  
Catriona Cain, Young Person

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Tim Saul, J Russell Buchanan, Raymond Boyle, Sheila Johnston, David Greenwell and Kenneth Harrison.

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Licensing Forum held on 19 July 2011 were approved as a correct record.

**3. HEALTH SERVICE REPRESENTATION ON THE FORUM**

Due to a change in the implementation of the Criminal Justice Act 2010 there is now a requirement for Forums to raise their membership from 20 Members to 21 Members to include a representative from Public Health the NHS. Cath Cakebread had been in discussions with the Director of Public Health regarding this and Elaine Garmin, Public Health Specialist of NHS Highland had shown an interest in becoming a Forum Member.

**Decision**

It was noted that Elaine Garmin had been in contact with Charles Reppke and would be invited to attend Forum meetings as a representative of Public Health.

**4. ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND**

There were no issues raised under Alcohol Focus Scotland.

**5. FEEDBACK FROM NATIONAL LICENSING CONFERENCE HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Eric Box made reference to the links to the various documents that had been circulated with the agenda. There were no issues raised with regard to the conference by Members of the Forum.

### **6. RE-THINKING ALCOHOL LICENSING**

Alcohol Focus Scotland had circulated copies of the report "Re-thinking Alcohol Licensing" to all key stakeholders including Local Licensing Forums. The document contained key recommendations for Licensing Boards, Licensing Forums and Local Authorities that related to the five licensing objectives contained within the Licensing Scotland Act.

The Forum had a lengthy discussion on whether it would be appropriate to draft a response to this document at this stage or to wait to see if any of the recommendations contained within the report would mean a change in licensing legislation further in the process. The Forum discussed the culture of drinking in Scotland and whether the introduction of curfews and the staggering of venue closing times would be effective in reducing problems of crowds at closing times. They also discussed initiatives such as serving soft drinks and coffee 1 hour before closing time.

#### **Decision**

It was agreed to continue this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

### **7. FEEDBACK FROM JOINT MEETING WITH LICENSING BOARD HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2011**

There were no issues raised regarding the joint meeting with the Board, however, it was noted that an amendment should be made to sentence two on page 5 of the Minutes to read "4 times a year" instead of "once a year".

### **8. POLICE STATISTICS**

Inspector Alistair Davidson spoke to the Police Statistics for the period July to September 2011. There were no issues highlighted other than that there were 3 licensed premises found selling alcohol outwith licensed hours in the 3 month period, which was particularly unusual.

### **9. UPDATE FROM LSO**

Eric Dearie spoke to the LSO report for the period 1 July 2011 to 18 October 2011. Eric advised that Raymond Park, who had been offered the post of LSO for the Helensburgh and Lomond; and Bute and Cowal Area, had started on 24 October 2011 and was based in Hill Street, Dunoon. Callum asked Eric Dearie if all LSOs were ex Police to which he replied there were a high percentage of LSOs that were ex Police but there were others that who were not .and He added that there were 3 or 4 in the west area that were ex licensed trade. Cath asked how much the 5 licensing objectives featured in the job of the LSO to which he replied that it they featured very much so as part of the Inspections Programme.

### **10. ISSUE TRACKER**

With regard to the National Outcomes for LLF; it was noted that Fiona Meyers was

about one third of the way through the study.

With regard to the Promotion of LLF; there was no update.

With regard to Local Licensing Forum Conveners; it was noted that Eric Box would be attending a meeting with Linda Bowie and other Conveners on 2 December 2011.

With regard to Alcohol Focus Scotland; Linda Bowie had indicated that she intended to visit the April 2012 meeting of the Forum.

With regard to the Educational DVD; Roanna advised that £1000 funding had been received from Charles Reppke and £1000 funding had been received from the Substance Misuse Group in Oban and Lorn to assist with the production of the DVD. Work had started on the DVD and interviews had taken place with Teen Aid and Strathclyde Police. It was noted that the group were to feature on Oban FM also.

### **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Arising from the Joint Meeting held on 28 September Peter advised that the item regarding the National Communities Project item had not been explained fully. Peter advised that a local woman, Caroline Church, who has Ardrishaig family connections was interested in carrying out a project in the Lochgilphead area where she would speak to the Licensing Forum, Licensing Board and Community Safety Partnership to obtain their views on what particular issues affected the area, then speaking to the Community to obtain their views on what issues affected their area and compare both to see if both views matched. The project had taken place in Blackburn and had been very successful. Peter suggested that Caroline Church be asked to a future meeting to speak to the Forum about the project and to gauge their interest in participating. This was agreed by the Forum. Cath advised that the Chair of the Substance Misuse Forum had also been approached and was very interested in participating.

Roanna advised that Young Person Representative Laura Meek had now left the area and asked that she be authorised to nominate another person to sit on the Forum. She suggested that a slightly older person be nominated than had sat on the Forum before. This was agreed by the Forum.



**3am Extension:**

- We have found that customers begin to leave from around 2am, which means there is less of a crowd on the street when the venue closes at 3am.

- By making a curfew at 12.30am, one of the conditions of a 3am license, there would be less chance of "pre loading" as the customer will be in for longer and therefore loses the incentive to preload. Also with doormen being on from scratch it makes it easier to make sure customers are not drunk on entry.

- In the city the majority of 3am licenses are usually given to either basement or first floor premises that are not open before 10pm. This means that they are more open plan premises as pubs tend to be designed with nooks and crannies which makes it harder to monitor late at night. With the premises being on the basement and first floor they can then remain closed before 10pm as rent, rates are far cheaper. This ensures the venue is strictly designed for late night entertainment and not a multitude of uses which can compromise safety and health.

- With normal pubs shutting an hour before the late night venue it gives taxi drivers time to get the first customers home before the late night venue shuts. This reduces the opportunity for violence, frustration, noise pollution etc. and increases the revenue for taxi drivers. It also helps the police monitor a town centre as opposed to when all premises pour out at the same time.

- The late licence allows the venue to charge, which in turn allows it to spend more on the entertainment. This can encourage local youngsters not to go to the city but stay in their home town.

1. If the entertainment is better then it attracts more people therefore it increases the tourist and also encourages the local to stay.

2. If the entertainment is better it allows us to compete with the cities in terms of young professionals.

3. When we have had 3am extensions we have put on some very expensive performers and they receive the door money. This allows the venue operator to source bigger names raising the profile of that particular town.

- There can be problems with customers from other bars gathering outside the biggest venue when it closes at the same time as all the other bars. This increases the chance of incidents on the street outside and also makes it difficult to get the crowds to leave. When 3am licence is in place this problem is completely eradicated.

- The 3am licence means that customers do not remain on the street after closing as they do with the 2am licence, i.e. they tend to go straight home due to the later time. Similarly this also means that people do not move on to un-monitored house parties where there is no control over drinking and behaviour. Most of the serious problems occur at private parties where there is no supervision. At these parties, people drink too much, arguments are not sorted by security and are allowed to escalate, drugs are sold and taken freely, there is no control over noise which is usually way above the acceptable level that you would have in a late night venue with a high investment in sound proofing etc. This causes serious problems for the neighbours and the community as a whole.

- With 3am licences bar trade always slows down in the last 90 minutes of opening and customers drink more responsibly because they do not feel time pressure. At the moment some late night venues only sell alcohol for an hour to an hour and a half. This creates tension as the bar has to make a profit and then has 15 minutes to clear the venue. This creates a degree of frustration for the customer and therefore outside in a crowd there is more potential for disorder.

- Customers, in general, are more relaxed, there is happier atmosphere and there is much less aggressive behaviour during the 3am licence extensions - we have not had any incidents on the nights we have had extensions.

- As Argyll relies on the tourist industry we feel the 3am extension will add to the visitor experience.

- Many young, backpacker type, tourists come to the area and expect a good night out. They are often disappointed when the entertainment has to stop by 01:30am and they can no longer buy alcohol after 2am.

- For the tourist sector in Argyll to claim that venues can provide more high profile entertainment and refreshments until 3am would be a huge attraction for the area.

- The extra hour provided by an extension will allow venues time to increase revenue in order to have more diverse entertainment. For example, at present most places have one DJ performing on a typical Saturday night with 2am licence, but with a 3am extension they can have at least one live band every Saturday night as well. Again this is a huge selling point for tourism and would greatly enhance the experience for visitors and locals alike.



## Notes from the Local Licensing Forums Best Practice Discussion Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011, Alcohol Focus Scotland

### Review of action points identified by each person at July meeting and progress to date

Each person reminded the group of the action points they had identified for their Local Licensing Forum and gave a brief update on progress so far.

- Inquorate meetings - 1
  - Forum members were sent an email pointing out that the previous meetings had been inquorate and therefore business could not be progressed.
  - The two meetings following this email have been quorate.
- Inquorate meetings – 2
  - Have attracted new members to reinvigorate the Forum.
- Youth member
  - Engaged a new youth member through the Young Peoples Services.
- Lack of direction - 1
  - Two people have taken responsibility for setting the agenda, which now includes standing items. The structured agenda has helped to guide discussion and inform the agenda for the following meeting.
  - Will also invite experts in particular areas of interest to address the Forum.
- Lack of direction – 2
  - Introduced the West Dunbartonshire report that led to the overprovision assessment to members as an example of work being done by other Forums. Hope this will lead to further discussion and action by the Forum.

### Identifying areas of difficulty and sharing good practice

- Communication between Board and Forum
  - Felt that one joint meeting per year was not enough
  - Discussed whether the Conveners of the Board and Forum could meet outwith the Joint meetings. Noted that this happens in at least one other area – Fife.
  - Post meeting note: as discussed at the July meeting, any recommendations made to the Licensing Board must clearly state what recommendation is being made and give the reasons why the Forum is making the recommendation. Language such as “The Forum is concerned about x” does not make it clear why the Forum believes there is a problem; it does not make it clear that the Forum is advising the Board to take action and does not make it clear what action the Forum is recommending to the Board.
- Membership and constitution of the Forum
  - Discussed the benefits of having a certain number of places per category (eg 2 residents, 2 trade) versus allowing people to ‘wear two hats’. Number of places per category allows an equal spread of members across the various bodies that should be represented: health, licensed trade, young people, etc, however if a member fits into more than one category – eg someone who is there as a resident but also works in the licensed trade - then this will lead to accusations of an imbalance in the Forum. Accepting that people have more than one interest allows the Forum to benefit from their experience and knowledge but makes it more difficult to show the balance of interests on paper.
  - Post meeting note: be aware that the licensed trade is only one category that should be represented on the Forum. If a Forum has places for one pub, one restaurant, one sports club, one off-sales and one nightclub then the category has 5 places on the Forum. Are there 5 places for residents, 5 for health/social work/education, 5 for young people, 5 for police? If not, then there is an imbalance.

- Several Forums have constitutions that allow members to send a replacement when they cannot attend.
- Several Forums have constitutions that state if a member has not attended the Forum for 2 (or 3) consecutive meetings, nor sent a replacement, then they will be removed from the membership.
- **Young people**
  - Several Forums amended their constitutions to allow persons under 18 to attend the Forum
  - Young people may require extra support to attend Forum meetings, eg a pre-meeting
  - In one area – West Lothian – they encourage a group of young people to attend the Forum in order to offer support to each other (safety in numbers). However they are limited to 2 official places – ie they have 2 votes. This works well in this area.
- **Agenda and reports**
  - Discussed the benefits of having standing items on the Forum agenda to give a clear structure to meetings. Noted that reports from the LSO and police would inform discussions on some of the 5 objectives: preventing crime and disorder; preventing public nuisance; securing public safety and possibly protecting children from harm. A further standing item must be included on health to cover the other objective: protecting and improving public health.
  - Noted that reports are more beneficial to members when they include a summary of issues and/or an overview of trends. Statistics by themselves are not very meaningful to those who are not experts in the subject.
- **“Alcohol: the Facts in Fife 2011”**
  - This report was shared as an example of good practice. In terms of good practice there was an agreement between the Licensing Board and Local Licensing Forum to do this work and to use the statistics. The information is organised by each of the 5 objectives which will make it easier for the Licensing Board to use it in their Statement of Licensing Policy. There are some summaries highlighting areas for members of the Board and Forum to prioritise. The intention is to do this piece of work each year to build up a picture of the trends in the areas. Also it is intended that gaps in information will be identified and better information will be able to be collected. It offers a good comparison to the West Dunbartonshire report to the Licensing Board in 2010 which gave comparisons and recommendations and informed the overprovision policy.

### Next meeting

It was agreed that it would be useful to continue to meet and discuss progress and good practice. 6 monthly seemed to be a reasonable timescale. The date for the next meeting will be set nearer the time.

**Summary of Storm Incidents  
Oct 2011**

	<b>Public Drunkenness</b>	<b>Outwith Lic Hours Sect.62</b>	<b>Noise Comp Inside</b>	<b>Noise Complaint Outside</b>	<b>Disturb Outside Violent</b>	<b>Disturb Inside Violent</b>	<b>Drunkenness &amp; Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>Assist Remove Patron</b>	<b>Underage Drinking</b>	<b>In Extended Hours</b>	<b>Drugs in Licensed Premises</b>	<b>Arrests</b>
<b>Oban</b>	2		1	2	3	4	1	1				2
<b>Lorn</b>						1						
<b>Isles</b>					1	2						
<b>C'town</b>	1			2		1						2
<b>Kintyre</b>						1						
<b>Islay</b>					1							
<b>Mid Argyll</b>						5		1				3
<b>Dunoon</b>	2			1	3	4			1		1	4
<b>Cowal</b>						1						1
<b>R'say</b>						3			1			2
<b>Total</b>	5		1	5	8	22	1	2	2		1	14

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<b>Oban</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Lorn Isles</b>								<b>1</b>				
<b>C'town Kintyre Islay</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>						<b>2</b>
<b>Mid Argyll</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>						<b>2</b>
<b>Dunoon Cowal R'say</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>												

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**Summary of Storm Incidents  
December 2011**

	<b>Public Drunkenness</b>	<b>Outwith Lic Hours Sect.62</b>	<b>Noise Comp Inside</b>	<b>Noise Comp Outside</b>	<b>Disturb Outside Violent</b>	<b>Disturb Inside Violent</b>	<b>Drunkenness &amp; Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>Assist Remove Patrons</b>	<b>Underage Drinking</b>	<b>In extended Hours</b>	<b>Drugs in Licensed Premises</b>	<b>arrests</b>
<b>Oban</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>Lorn Isles</b>						<b>1</b>						
<b>C'town Kintyre Islay</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>			
<b>Mid Argyll</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Dunoon Cowal R'say</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>

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**Summary of Storm Incidents  
Helensburgh**

	<b>Public Drunkenness</b>	<b>Outwith Lic Hours Sect.62</b>	<b>Noise Comp Inside</b>	<b>Noise Complaint Outside</b>	<b>Disturb Outside Violent</b>	<b>Disturb Inside Violent</b>	<b>Drunkenness &amp; Disorderly Conduct</b>	<b>Assist Remove Patron</b>	<b>Underage Drinking</b>	<b>In Extended Hours</b>	<b>Drugs in Licensed Premises</b>	<b>Arrests</b>
<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>				<b>2</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>6</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>			<b>4</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

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**Number of Visits To Licensed Premises  
LB Sub Division  
Oct 2011 – Dec 2011**

	<b>October 2011</b>	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>December 2011</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>OBAN</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>687</b>
<b>MAKI</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>1445</b>
<b>COWAL</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1632</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1170</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>3764</b>
<b>HELENSBURGH</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>362</b>

**Total Number of visits over the 3 month period = 4126**

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<b>Drink related Domestic Incidents</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>OBAN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>LORN</b>				
<b>ISLE</b>				
<b>C'TOWN</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>KINTYRE</b>			-	
<b>ISLAY</b>	<b>2</b>		-	<b>2</b>
<b>MID ARGYLL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>DUNOON</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>COWAL</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ROTHESAY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>HELENSBURGH</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>76</b>

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**LOCAL LICENSING FORUM MEETING TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012**  
**LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT**  
**ACTIVITY BETWEEN 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011 TO 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012**

**1. GUIDANCE**Training

20/10/11 – input to Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders in Loch Lomond.  
27/10/11 – input to licensing training for the National Federation of Retail Newsagents in Greenock.  
16/11/11 – attended Gambling Commission Training, Edinburgh

Information/Advice

Provided information on licensing on 30 occasions (in person or by e-mail/telephone)

Liaison

Maintained contact with Licensing Board, police and trade.

13 & 14/12/11 – met with Caroline Church, Alcohol Focus, Scotland, re-National Communities Project.  
29/12/11 – accompanied Dunoon police on town premises visits after an assault on 18/12/11.

**2. COMPLIANCE**Licence Processing – Oct to Dec 2011

91 Occasional licence and 169 Extended Hours licence applications processed.

Licensing Board

Attended meeting on 15/11/11.

Premises Licence Review

1 premises licence review.

Formal LSO Inspections

A total of 30 formal LSO inspections were carried out. These included initial and follow up inspections and visits where advice was provided.

All inspections continue to focus on:

- Statutory Notices Display
- Staff Training/Knowledge
- Management Overview
- Security
- Children & Young Persons

Monthly Premises Review Meetings

None

**3. MEDIATION**Licensing Complaints

I have dealt with and resolved 2 complaints. All centred on noise and music nuisance.

Eric Dearie  
Licensing Standards Officer  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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Title of Item	Name of Officer or organisation	Date of Meeting	Action required	Notes
National Outcomes for LLF		Discussed October 09	Await National Outcomes	<p>Fiona Meyers from NHS appointed to conduct 3 year study of new Act to include the role of Boards and Forums – outcomes could not be set until this had been completed</p> <p>Noted at meeting on 26 October 2011 that the study was around one third complete.</p>
Promotion of LLF	Council	<p>Discussed Joint Meeting Nov 09</p> <p>19 July 2011</p>	Arrange with New Communications Manager	<p>New Communication Manager in post – discussion with Chair to be set up</p> <p>Noted that it may be appropriate to promote the work of the LLF to the new Licensing Board in May 2012</p>
Local Licensing Forum Conveners	LLF	<p>27 October 2010</p> <p>19 July 2011</p> <p>26 October 2011</p>	<p>Convener to set up meeting with other Forums with a view to having some consistency within the roles of forums.</p> <p>Charles to discuss with Linda Bowie the possibility of a central Local Licensing Forum</p>	<p>Noted that there was a central Forum for LSOs.</p> <p>Noted on that Eric Box would be meeting other Conveners and Linda Bowie on 2 December 2011</p>

<p><b>Alcohol Focus Scotland</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Services</b></p>	<p><b>27 October 2010</b></p> <p><b>19 July 2011</b></p> <p><b>26 October 2011</b></p>	<p>Agenda item “Alcohol Focus Scotland” to be added to agenda for future meetings and responses reported back to AFS.</p>	<p>Charles been in discussion with Linda Bowie and anticipated visit to October meeting (17/05/11)</p> <p>Noted that Linda had given no firm commitment to attend October 2011 meeting – Charles to contact her</p> <p>Noted that Linda Bowie intended on attending the April 2012 meeting of the LLF</p>
<p><b>Educational DVD – Don’t make the same mistakes we did</b></p>	<p><b>Young Scot</b></p>	<p><b>25 January 2011</b></p> <p><b>26 October 2011</b></p>	<p>DVD to be shown at a future meeting of the Forum</p>	<p>Noted that funding of £1050 needed to continue production (17/05/11)</p> <p>Noted that a total of £2000 funding had been received from Charles Reppke and from the Substance Misuse Group in Oban.</p>
<p><b>National Communities Project</b></p>	<p><b>Peter Robertson</b></p>	<p><b>26 October 2011</b></p>	<p>Linda Church to be invited to a future meeting of the Forum to gauge the Forum’s interest in participating</p>	
<p><b>Re-thinking Alcohol Licensing</b></p>	<p><b>Forum</b></p>	<p><b>26 October 2011</b></p>	<p>Forum to discuss further the introduction of curfews and staggering of venue closing times to reduce problems associated with crowds at closing times.</p>	