

# ARGYLL & BUTE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

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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](mailto: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