

**MINUTES of MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2013**

Present:

Fred Bruce (Chair)

Sergeant Mark Wilson, Community Liaison Officer, Police Scotland
Calum MacLachlainn, Licensed Trade
Martin Donovan, Licensed Trade
Iain MacNaughton, Community Representative
Roanna Clark, Young Scot
Elaine Garman, NHS Highland
Eric Dearie, Licensing Standards Officer

Attending:

Susan Mair, Legal Manager
John Woods, Alcohol Focus Scotland
Douglas Scott, Youth Services
North Argyll Youth Forum

In the absence of the Chair, S Mair invited the members to elect a chair for the meeting. The Forum agreed Fred Bruce would chair the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Kenneth Harrison, Russell Buchanan, Tim Saul, Sheila Johnston, Raymond Boyle, David Greenwell, Cath Cakebread and Sarah Nicolson.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Local Licensing Forum held on 2 October 2013 were approved as a correct record.

3. LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

A verbal update was provided by S Mair, Legal Manager on the progress of the Licensing Policy Statement.

She informed members that:

The consultation period was now over and five responses had been received including the response submitted by the Forum. Responses had been received from the Council's: Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, Kilmory Community Council and Alcohol Focus Scotland. Although it was a disappointing response S Mair suggested this could perhaps be seen in a positive light as the updated policy addresses the concerns of the consultees.

S Mair mentioned that she had anticipated more responses from Community

Councils. However the Forum suggested perhaps it was difficult timing for Community Council's due to the Elections and ongoing By-Elections.

S Mair informed the Forum that the Final Policy which will be valid for three years, should be finalised and available on Argyll and Bute Council's website by the end of the calendar year.

Decision

The Forum noted the position.

4. PRESENTATION ON ALCOHOL TAX BY NORTH ARGYLL YOUTH FORUM

The Forum heard a presentation by North Argyll Youth Forum on implementing an alcohol tax within Argyll and Bute.

The Forum thanked North Argyll Youth Forum and a discussion took place regarding their idea.

Decision

The Forum provided some helpful comments and ideas to North Argyll Youth Forum and wished them well with their scheme

5. CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT TO THE ARGYLL AND BUTE LICENSING BOARD

The Forum considered and discussed a report which was presented by Sergeant Mark Wilson on behalf of Police Scotland. The report reflected on the work that had been carried out by the eight legacy forces under their respective Chief Constables over the 2012/13 year.

The Forum discussed the contents of the report in particular the Summary of Policing in connection with the operation of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Decision

The Forum noted the content of the report however felt it was a more generic report rather than specifically tailored for Argyll and Bute.

6. OVERPROVISION - THE WAY FORWARD

The Forum considered if there was an overprovision in Argyll and Bute. A discussion was had amongst the Forum concerning how to identify if an overprovision exists.

Decision

The Committee decided that, due to a lack of evidence, a decision could not be made. However they noted the concerns which were raised.

7. JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM AND THE LICENSING BOARD

The Members of the Forum were informed of the joint meeting with the Licensing Board that is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 December 2013. A discussion took place regarding items for the agenda of the joint meeting.

Decision

The Forum noted and agreed a request from North Argyll Youth Forum to do a further presentation at the joint meeting between the Local Licensing Forum and Licensing Board.

Elaine Garman left the meeting at this point.

8. DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2014

The Forum discussed potential meeting dates for next year. During this discussion it was suggested that more involvement from young people would be beneficial to the Forum.

Decision

The Forum agreed that meeting dates for 2014 should be circulated to members.

