SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.

Minutes of meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum in County Buildings, Ayr on 14th May 2015 at 10.00 a.m.


Apologies: A. Bradford and M. Ankers.

Attending for South Ayrshire Council: M. Douglas, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; and J. McClure, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending: K. Whitehead.

1. **Appointment of Chair of Local Licensing Forum.**

M. Douglas invited nominations for the appointment of Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

Decided: unanimously that R. Rennie be elected to the post of Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chair of Local Licensing Forum.**

The Chair invited nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

Decided: unanimously that R. MacLellan be elected to the post of Vice-Chair of the Local Licensing Forum for the ensuing year.

3. **Chair’s Remarks.**

R. Rennie then took the Chair and welcomed all members to the Forum.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting.**

The Minutes of the Local Licensing Forum meeting of 12th November 2014 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve the Minutes as a correct record.
5. **Matters for Discussion with the Licensing Board at the Joint Meeting.**

The Forum discussed the matters they wished to raise with the Licensing Board at the meeting following the conclusion of this Forum meeting.

Following this discussion, the Forum

**Decided:**

(1) to request the Board to consider introducing a Policy on Over Provision for off-sales premises;

(2) that C. Andrew provide Forum Members with the number of off-sales premises licences in South Ayrshire;

(3) that Forum members research their local area with regards to the number of off-sales premises in their area and the most frequently used premises and report back to the next Forum meeting; and

(4) that the Chair, on behalf of the Forum, write to all Community Councils in South Ayrshire reminding them that they had the opportunity to object to an application for a licence should they deem this appropriate and requesting any comments they had on the number of off-sales premises in South Ayrshire at present.

6. **Membership.**

The Chair introduced Kim Whitehead from Educational Services who would be appointed as a Forum Member at a future Council meeting and was attending this meeting as an observer.

M. Douglas advised

(1) that an advert was currently in the local press seeking new Forum Members with a closing date of 29th May 2015;

(2) that it was hoped to appoint a representative from the Ambulance Service; and

(3) that she was currently liaising with a Youth Worker with a view to him being appointed as a Forum Member and bringing a young person to each of the Forum meetings.

K. Whitehead advised that, as she had links with two secondary schools in South Ayrshire, she also could bring a young person to each of the Forum meetings.

**Decided:** to note the current position with regards to the membership of the Forum.

7. **Training.**

M. Douglas advised that she would provide training for all new Forum Members in conjunction with Alcohol Focus Scotland and C. Andrew prior to the next Forum meeting and that all existing members were also welcome to attend this training.

**Decided:** that M. Douglas would advise Forum Members of the date of the training session once arranged.
8. **East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum.**

   The Chair advised that she had attended a meeting of the East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum with the Vice-Chair and M. Douglas and updated the Forum Members on the issues discussed at the meeting.

   **Decided:** to note that the Chair, Vice-Chair and M. Douglas had attended a meeting of the East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum.

9. **Minutes of previous Licensing Board meetings.**

   The Minutes (issued) of the meetings of South Ayrshire Licensing Board which had taken place since the previous Forum meeting were submitted.

   **Decided:** to note the Minutes of the Licensing Board meetings of 30th October 2014, 12th November 2014 (Special), 27th November 2014, 15th January 2015, 12th February 2015 and 12th March 2015 and to agree that these minutes be continued to the next Forum meeting for discussion.

10. **Date of Next Meeting.**

    **Decided:** to note that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would take place on Wednesday, 26th August 2015 at 10.00 a.m. in the County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

11. **Closing Remarks.**

    The Chair thanked the members of the Forum for their attendance and contribution.

    The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.