

Minute of Meeting

Joint Renfrewshire Licensing Forum and Licensing Board

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Wednesday, 21 November 2018 | 14:00 | Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN |

Present

Representing the Licensing Board

Councillor Bill Brown; Councillor Natalie Don; Councillor Marie McGurk; Councillor Andy Steel; Councillor Jane Strang.

Representing the Licensing Forum

Hugh Cameron; Clare Colquhoun; Colin Dickson; Margaret Dymond; Constable David McEwan; Shirley McLean; Elaina Smith.

Chair

M Dymond, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

M Conaghan, Legal and Democratic Services Manager; D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) P Shiach, Committee Services Officer and N O'Brien, Assistant Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council).

Apologies

Councillors Campbell, Hood, Kerr and Montgomery; and C Allan, M Brier and P Pieraccini.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Minute of Previous Meeting

There was submitted the Minute of the previous meeting of Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 23 May 2018

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Minute of Special Meeting

There was submitted the Minute of the special meeting of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 25 June 2018.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meetings.

4 Health and Licensing

There was submitted a presentation by the Health Improvement Lead Officer Alcohol Licensing relative to Health and Licensing.

The presentation provided information on the work to be undertaken by the Lead Officer in relation to the following:-

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in relation to her role as a statutory consultee, consultation in local licensing policy and as a member of the Licensing Forum; Health's level of involvement in providing an overview of community health and inequalities, protecting and improving public health and presenting local data and research evidence; Scotland's relationship with alcohol and the number of deaths caused by alcohol in 2015 and the number of patients hospitalised due to alcohol in Scotland in 2015; statistics in terms of Renfrewshire's relationship with alcohol; creating a healthier relationship with alcohol including reducing the acceptability of misusing alcohol, understanding the impact of purchasing preferences on alcohol harms and understanding the impact of minimum unit pricing; and challenges and opportunities.

The Health Improvement Lead Officer Alcohol Licensing was then heard in answer to questions from members on various aspects of the presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted

5 Police Scotland Update

Police Constable McEwan advised that there were no issues to raise with the Forum at this time but reminded members that a licensing seminar organised by Police Scotland was scheduled to take place on Thursday 22 November in Paisley at 9.30 am and all were welcome to attend.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

6 Licensing Standards Officer Update

C Dickson (LSO) provided an update in relation to licensing activity undertaken since the last meeting on 23 May 2018. He advised that during the period 98 compliance visits had been made to licensed premises of which 16 had required to be revisited. In terms of the 98 visits, there were 49 occasions where a Premises Manager was present.

He further advised that following the introduction of Minimum Unit Pricing on 1 May 2018 compliance visits were suspended to conduct MUP visits. Of 59 MUP visits undertaken, 2 required to be revisited and guidance had been provided.

The LSO provided information on the number of licensed premises in the Renfrewshire area with a breakdown of on and off-sale premises, the number of premises which were no longer licensed, and the number of new premises licenced since his last report.

The LSO was then heard in answer to questions from members of the Forum on the report.

DECIDED: That information be noted.

7 Review of Statement of Licensing Policy 2018-2022

Under reference to item 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 25 June 2018 there was submitted a report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board providing comment in relation to the Licensing Board's reasoning in response to each of the areas of the policy covered by the Forum's consultation response.

The areas covered were: -

Overprovision; licensing objectives; children's access; licensing hours; enforcement; alcohol deliveries; and extended use of Occasional Licences. The Board's views on each of these areas were detailed in the report.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 Licensing Issues

A general discussion took place relative to a number of licensing issues Members of the Licensing Forum expressed concern that their views had not been properly considered during the consultation on the Review of Licensing Policy 2018-2022, and that no feedback had been received following the Forum's suggestions. The Chair of the Licensing Board assured the Forum members that the views of both the Health and Social Care Partnership and the Forum had been carefully considered prior to the policy being finalised.

Further discussion took place with regard to transparency; the role of the Health Improvement Lead Officer Alcohol Licensing on the Forum; energy drinks and figures on hospital admissions related to these.

DECIDED: That the information be noted.

9 Hugh Cameron

The Convener indicated that Hugh Cameron was attending his last meeting as he was moving out of the area. The Convener thanked Hugh for his contribution to the work of the Forum.

10 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Licensing Forum was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 2.00 p.m.