

## Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Licensing Forum

Item No. 1

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 09 September 2015	14:00	CMR 2, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

### PRESENT

M Brier (Licensing Standards Officer); P Carroll (Scottish Fire and Rescue) H Cameron, M Dymond, M Dillon and S MacLean (local residents); C Colquhoun (Personal Licence Holder); F MacKay, Health & Social Care Partnership; and D McLeod, (Police Scotland).

### CHAIR

M Dymond, Convener, presided.

### IN ATTENDANCE

M Conaghan; D Campbell and P Shiach (all Renfrewshire Council).

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were intimated on behalf of G Lethorn, P MacLeod, D Reid and R Watson.

### 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 meeting of Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 22 April, 2015

**DECIDED:** That the Minute be approved.

## 2 **POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE**

Police Constable McLeod provided an update on Police activity in the Forum area, advising that five test purchases had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Forum, one of which failed. There had been a total of 40 undertaken during the year. All street pastors had been made aware of the issue.

He indicated that there was only one monitored premises in the area and no intervention had been required as there had been no problems highlighted.

Police Constable McLeod then responded to questions by members of the Forum in relation to various aspects of the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

## 3 **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE**

Watch Commander Carroll advised the Forum of licensing activities undertaken by Scottish Fire and Rescue over the past few months indicating that the service continued to routinely visit licensed premises.

Watch Commander Carroll was then heard in answer to questions from Members of the Forum.

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 4 **SUPPLEMENTARY LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT ON OVERPROVISION**

There was submitted a report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board relative to the Supplementary Licensing Policy Statement on Overprovision.

The report indicated that at its meeting on 4 June, 2015, Renfrewshire Licensing Board had considered a report detailing responses received to a consultation on the overprovision of licensed premises within Renfrewshire. The Board had also heard oral submissions from a number of parties whom had responded to the consultation.

Following consideration of the responses, the Board had agreed that Paisley Town Centre, as shown on a plan attached to the report as Appendix 7 – Plan 2 continue to be identified as a locality and considered overprovided, but only in relation to “Liquor or Pub-type Premises”. The Board also agreed that the definition of Pub-type Premises would include premises used exclusively or predominantly for the sale of alcohol and would not include restaurants, hotels and nightclub premises.

The report indicated that the Board did not identify any other localities within Renfrewshire which should be considered overprovided in respect of any type of licensed premises.

The Clerk to the Licensing Board advised that the Supplementary Licensing Policy Statement on Overprovision to reflect this decision was approved by the Board at its meeting on 24 August, 2015.

The Clerk to the Licensing Board was then heard in response to members of the Licensing Forum on various aspects of the report during which several members expressed their disappointment that the area covered by the overprovision policy had not been extended to reflect the comments submitted in response to the consultation by Police Scotland. It was suggested that the matter be raised at the joint meeting of the Licensing Board and Forum to be held on 25 November, 2015. This was agreed. It was also agreed that copies of the maps depicting the area requested by Police Scotland as the overprovided area be distributed to members of the Forum prior to the Joint meeting.

**DECIDED:**

(i) That the issues raised by Forum members in relation to the Supplementary Licensing Policy Statement on Overprovision be discussed at the joint meeting of the Licensing Board and Forum on 25 November, 2015;

(ii) That the Clerk to the Licensing Forum circulate copies of the maps depicting the area requested by Police Scotland as the overprovided area to members of the Forum prior to the Joint meeting; and

(iii) That the report be otherwise noted.

**5 FESITVE HOURS POLICY 2015-16**

The Clerk to the Licensing Board advised the Forum of the Board's decision in relation to festive hours for 2015/16, which were broadly in line with previous years with the exception of an additional weekend commencing on 11 to 13 December, 2015 as under:

All licensed on premises (including registered clubs), except premises the primary purpose of which is to offer entertainment in the form of dancing.

Terminal Hour – 1.00am Friday 11, Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December 2015.

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd

Sunday 27th, Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, (all December, 2015).

Terminal Hour – 2.00am Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, Friday 25th,

Saturday 26th, (all December, 2015)

Terminal Hour – 3.00am Thursday 24th and Thursday 31st, both December 2015.

On sale premises, the primary purpose of which is to offer entertainment in the form of dancing.

Terminal Hour – 3.00am, Friday 18th, Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th, Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Saturday 2nd January, 2016.

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 6 **BRAW EVENT**

The Convener advised the forum of the BRAW event which she had attended in June, 2015 in conjunction with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

She indicated that community organisations had been invited to apply for funds for awareness raising events on the effects of alcohol in their communities. The Convener was then heard in answer to questions from members on the event.

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 7 **LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER - UPDATE**

The Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) provided an update in relation to his recent licensing activities.

He advised that 165 compliance visits had been undertaken to licensed premises, 20 of which required revisits, mostly for minor matters.

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

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 8 **PERSONAL ALCOHOL LICENCES - REMOVAL OF FIVE YEAR BAN**

The Clerk to the Licensing Board advised the Forum of the removal by the Scottish Government of the previous five year ban on licensees who had failed to comply with refresher training requirements.

He indicated that the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015, which had received Royal Assent on 4 August, 2015 removed the prospect of personal licence holders who had failed to undertake refresher training or present their certificate to the Licensing Board by the due date, of facing a five-year ban from holding a licence. Under the new act anyone who had had their personal licence revoked for failing to present a refresher training certificate could now apply for a new licence provided they met the other requirements.

**DECIDED:** That the information be noted.

## 9 **ANNUAL LICENSING CONFERENCE**

Alcohol Focus Scotland, indicating that this year's event had been termed as a global event however there had been no further information available.

As a result she recommended no attendance at this time.

**DECIDED:**

(i) That there be no attendance by members of the Licensing Forum at the Alcohol Focus Scotland Global event; and

(ii) That the information be otherwise noted.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM**

The Convener, being of the opinion that the following item was relevant and competent, agreed to its consideration at this time.

**10 BULK PURCHASING AND CAFFEINATED DRINKS**

F MacKay, Health & Social Care Partnership, referred to a draft bill sponsored by Dr Richard Simpson relative to deals on bulk purchasing and caffeinated drinks. She advised that the Bill was intended to cover regulations in relation to the advertising of alcohol at sporting events, and community empowerment. She indicated that where no community council existed in an area, licensing boards would be required to consult with neighbours in relation to liquor licensing applications. The Clerk to the Licensing Board advised that the Scottish Government had earlier this year undertaken a consultation which had been submitted to the Licensing Board in June.

**DECIDED:**

(i) That a summary of the consultation response be submitted to all members of the Forum for information; and (ii) That the information be otherwise noted.

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum, which would also be the joint meeting with the Licensing Board, would be held on Wednesday 25 November, 2015 at 2.00 pm.