

## Minute of Meeting Renfrewshire Licensing Forum

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 18 April 2017	14:00	CMR 3, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

### Present

R Anderson and D Reid, (both Renfrewshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership); M Brier and P Sale (both Renfrewshire Council); M Dillon and M Dymond (both local residents C Colquhoun (Licence Holder); and D McEwan and A Whitelaw (Police Scotland).

### In Attendance

D Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing) and P Shiach, Committee Services Officer (both Renfrewshire Council).

### Apologies

P Macleod, S McLean, P Pieraccini and R White.

### Declarations of Interest

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

## **1 Election of Convener**

It was noted that in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 a Forum, at its first meeting in each calendar year, must elect one of its members to be Convener. It was unanimously agreed that M Dymond be appointed as convener. M Dymond assumed the chair at this point.

## **2 Minute of Previous Meeting**

There was submitted the Minute of the joint meeting of Renfrewshire ILcensing Board and Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 16 November 2016.

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

## **3 Note of Inquorate Meeting**

There was submitted the note of the inquorate meeting of Renfrewshire Licensing Forum held on 8 February 2017

**DECIDED:** That the note of the inquorate meeting be noted.

## **4 Police Scotland Update**

Police Constable McEwan advised that there were no issues to raise with the Forum but gave an undertaking to circulate the relevant Police Scotland statistics for the area to members of the Forum.

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

## **5 Licensing Standards Officer - Update**

M Brier (LSO) provided an update in relation to his recent licensing activities. He advised that during the period 207 visits had been made to licensed premises, 171 of which were compliance visits. There had been 26 revisits, three complaints and seven visits for miscellaneous issues.

The LSO provided information on premises which were no longer licences 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.

## **6 Proposed Establishment of a National Licensing Forum**

There was submitted a letter dated 14 December 2016 from the Chair of the East Ayrshire Licensing Forum seeking comments on the proposed establishment of a National Licensing Forum. A questionnaire on the proposed National Forum, seeking comments on various aspects of the proposal accompanied the letter.

D Reid advised that as the closing date for responses had been 31 March 2016, Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership had submitted an interim response within the timescale.

**DECIDED:** That the interim response submitted by Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership be homologated as the response of the Renfrewshire Licensing Forum.

## **7 Joint West of Scotland Event - 20 October 2016**

There was submitted a report by the Chair of East Ayrshire Licensing Forum relative to the Licensing Forum Event hosted by East Ayrshire Licensing Forum on 20 October 2016.

The report provided background information on the event, the outcome and conclusions and recommendations. A proposed constitution for the Joint West of Scotland Licensing Forum was appended to the report.

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

## **8 Scottish Licensing Law and Practice - Aberdeen Off-sales Premises Appeal**

There was submitted a report by Alcohol Focus Scotland on the outcome of an appeal against the refusal of an off-sales application for premises in Aberdeen City Council area.

The report indicated that Aberdeen City Licensing Board had rejected a proposal for a small alcohol display in a Union Street shop operated by Martin McColl Limited as a small convenience store. The application had been the subject of objections by the local Health Board and a doctor representing a group of GP practices.

The Board had accepted the objectors arguments alcohol-related deaths and patient admissions on the relevant postcode area were 5% worse than the Scottish average according to a report referred to by the objectors, problem drinkers made the bulk of their purchases from corner shops rather than supermarkets and increased alcohol-related health problems were connected to the provision of alcohol and newsagents and corner shops.

The report indicated that the Sheriff in rejecting McColl's so far as they attacked the Board's reliance on a report founded upon by the Health Board. However he held that it was inconsistent and inappropriate for the Board to base their decision on the perceived link between availability and harm since they had made no finding that grant of a licence would result in overprovision.

The report intimated that the Sheriff proceeded to grant the application rather than remit to the Board for reconsideration.

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

## **9 Promoting good health for children - Reducing the impact of alcohol marketing on children in Scotland**

There was submitted a report by Alcohol Focus Scotland on promoting good health from childhood and reducing the impact of alcohol marketing on children in Scotland.

The report focussed on promotion good health from childhood; the nature, extent and reach of contemporary alcohol marketing; the influence of alcohol marketing on children and young people; failure of self-regulation of alcohol marketing; the way forward: putting children first; and recommendations. Information on membership of the virtual network, support for action to protect children from alcohol marketing and examples of statutory restrictions on alcohol marketing in other European countries was contained in appendices 1 to 3 of the report.

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

## **10 Future Meeting Arrangements**

There was submitted a report by the Clerk proposing dates for future meetings of the Forum as under:

Wednesday 6 September, 2017;  
Wednesday 22 November 2017;  
Wednesday 7 February, 2018; and  
Wednesday 23 May, 2018.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the proposed dates for future meetings of the Forum, as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report be approved; and

(b) That it be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Conveners of the Licensing Board and the Licensing Forum to determine which of these meetings will be a joint meeting with the Licensing Board.