

EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

Minute of the joint meeting of East Ayrshire Licensing Board and East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum held on Tuesday 23 November 2010 at 11.00am

SEDERUNT : Councillor J Buchanan, Councillor H Coffey, Councillor G Cree, Councillor R Cunningham, Councillor N McGhee, Councillor J McKay, Police Constable K Ritchie (Strathclyde Police), Mrs C McEwan and Mr I Hiles (Licensing Standards Officers), Ms S Wilson (NHS Ayrshire and Arran), Mr L Wells (Social Work – Children & Families), Mr E Brown (British Institute of Inkeepers), David Little (Resident), Mr B Kelly (Licence Holder), R McCluskey (Resident), P Moon (Licence Holder) and Mr J Dunsmuir (Resident).

ATTENDING: Mr S McCall (Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board), Mrs P Duncan and Ms S Gillies (Licensing Board Administrators) and Ms S McHarg (Administrative Officer), Bernard Kelly and Celia Anderson (Out of Hours Noise Team)

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Campbell, Councillor E Dinwoodie, Councillor J McGhee, Councillor H Ross, Dr Maggie Watts (ADAT), Mr P Browne (Scottish Beer & Pub Association).

1. SEDERUNT

Noted.

2. ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

Carolyn McEwan, Licensing Standards Officers, gave an update on the Alcohol Awareness Week 2010 which ran from 4 October 2010 until 10 October 2010.

Noted.

3. NOISE NUISANCE IN LICENSED PREMISES

Bernard Kelly and Celia Anderson, Out of Hours Noise Team, gave a presentation on the role of the Team.

A discussion took place after the presentation and it was ascertained that within the previous five years there had been no official action taken by the Noise Team against licensed premises within East Ayrshire.

4. LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

The Depute Clerk reminded Board and Forum Members that the Licensing Policy Statement had been finalised at the Licensing Board Meeting on 23 November 2010 taking account of the detailed Licensing Forum comments, Strathclyde Police's position that there were no hot-spot anti-social areas within East Ayrshire and the Licensing Board's view that there was no overprovision within East Ayrshire.

The Depute Clerk also highlighted that in reaching the view of no overprovision within East Ayrshire, the Licensing Board had taken account of the statutory advice given by the Scottish Government.

The Depute Clerk advised that a Supplementary Policy Statement may be required once the Criminal Justice and Licensing Act 2010 had been finalised.

A discussion took place regarding over provision and the Chair stated that the Licensing Board would work closely with the Forum in assisting premises licence holders within East Ayrshire and also reminded everyone that any new premises licence applications would be determined on their individual merits.

5. AOCB

5.1 The Depute Clerk raised concerns regarding the operation of East Ayrshire Licensing Forum as a number of Licensing Forum meetings throughout 2010 had not been quorate. The Depute Clerk advised that this was problem across the whole of Scotland and that the National Licensing Forum had been disbanded.

Councillor Cree left the meeting at 12 Noon.

Following a full discussion the following points were identified:-

- Adequate notification of time and date be given to Licensing Forum Members
- Licensing Forum to decide whether a change in time of the Forum is required to facilitate member attendance
- Young people to be encouraged to become Forum members from the local Schools and College and perhaps from employees within East Ayrshire Council who had an involvement with young people.

5.2 The Chair of the Licensing Board advised that he had attended a meeting with Strathclyde Police regarding the formation of a Pub Watch scheme in Kilmarnock which would create a safer environment for both the public and staff of licensed premises.

The Clerk pointed out that the Licensing Board may be able to assist with the formation of this scheme but cost implications would require to be considered.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Pub Watch Scheme should be progressed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12.20pm