

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.

Minutes of meeting of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum in County Buildings, Ayr
on 26th August 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: R. Russell (Chair), Sergeant U. Menzies, C. Andrew, M. Ankers, E. Caldow,
R. Campbell, S. Horne, A. Kelly, J. Kerr, P. Robertson, and M. McFadyean.

Apologies: Councillor D. Campbell, M. Caird, A. Monkhouse and R. Rennie.

Attending for M. Douglas, Licensing Policy Officer; A. Gibson, Committee
South Ayrshire Administrative Officer.
Council:

1. Welcome.

The Chair welcomed all members to this meeting of the Local Licensing Forum and those present introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of previous meetings.

The Minutes (issued) of the Local Licensing Forum of 3rd June 2011 were submitted.

Decided: to approve the Minutes as a correct record.

3. 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.

4. Matters Arising.

- The Forum noted that there had been a special meeting of the Board on 22nd August 2011 and that the minute was not yet finalised but would be issued to them at the next Forum.
- With reference to the Minutes of 4th May 2011, C. Andrew advised of what an Occasional Licence was and M. Douglas further advised on when an Occasional Licence would be appropriate. It was noted that there were a number of conditions that could be attached to such licenses and that applicants could be asked to provide more information prior to such a licence being granted.
- A discussion took place on the issue of Personal Licences and it was noted that South Ayrshire had currently issued 1,500 of these.

- Following a question from a Member, it was noted that Board Members have to undertake training before they could serve on the Board and that should those Board Members who currently served on it be re-elected at the next Council elections, they would need retrained before they again sat on the Board.
- With reference to the special meeting of the Board that had taken place on 22nd August 2011, C. Andrew advised
 - (1) that two premises licence reviews had been held at this meeting;
 - (2) that members of the public had requested that these be conducted; and
 - (3) that it was the responsibility of the Board to examine how these concerns could be resolved.

Following questions, the Forum noted

- (a) that most hearings in this respect resulted from complaints regarding loud music being played at premises; and
- (b) that complaints considered to be frivolous would not be investigated.

Decided: to note the above.

5. Intermediate Data Zones for South Ayrshire.

With reference to the previous meeting of 3rd June 2011 (Page 1, paragraph 2) there was submitted a report (issued) outlining

- (1) the number of patients discharged from hospital (annually) with alcohol related and attributable conditions expressed as a three-year average directly age-standardised rate per 100,000 population per year, including conditions which were wholly attributable to alcohol such as alcoholic liver disease and those partially attributable such as some cancers;
- (2) the Intermediate Data Zones made up of data zones which were population of around 500 to 1,000 people;
- (3) that, as the rates related to small numbers of people, they should be interpreted with caution; and
- (4) that areas were listed alphabetically and were shaded according to their position in comparison to Scotland.

E. Caldwell advised that from the statistics provided, the worst affected were the more deprived areas.

Having noted that South Ayrshire had a higher than national average for those patients discharged from hospital (annually) with alcohol related and attributable conditions, there followed a discussion in this regard.

Decided:

- (a) to note
 - (i) that E. Caldwell had not been able to obtain statistics, hot spots, etc. from the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership but would hopefully do so for the next meeting; and
 - (ii) that Sergeant Menzies would only provide statistical information to the Forum, if it was requested by the Board;
- (b) to agree that figures/statistics be provided to the next meeting relating to:-
 - (i) higher density areas;
 - (ii) the number of those people who consumed alcohol at home compared to those who consumed it in licensed premises; and
 - (iii) the number of licensed premises in the various areas of South Ayrshire; and
- (c) that a representative from Alcohol Focus Scotland be invited to the next meeting of this Forum to provide their input and advice.

6. Over Provision – Feedback from Community Councils.

There was submitted feedback (issued) from Community Councils in South Ayrshire on over provision.

C. Andrew advised that she had spoken to three Trade Groups and individual members of the Trade regarding Over Provision with the general view being that trade was down.

Thereafter, there followed a discussion with regard to Over Provision.

Decided: to agree

- (1) that more information required to be obtained before the Forum could approach the Board with regard to Over Provision; and
- (2) that for the next meeting, statistics be provided with regard to those premises in South Ayrshire that were vacant but still had a licence.

7. Date of Next Meeting.

Decided: to agree that the next meeting of the Local Licensing Forum would take place on Friday, 18th November 2011 at 2.00 p.m. in the County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.