

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD/
SOUTH AYRSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM.**

Minutes of the Joint Meeting in County Hall, County Buildings, Ayr,
on 4th February 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Douglas Campbell (Chair of Licensing Board and member of Local Licensing Forum) and Ian Douglas.

Apologies: Councillors Andy Campbell, Ian Fitzsimmons, Ann Galbraith, Bill Grant, Alec Oattes and Tom Slider.

Attending for Local Licensing Forum: R. Russell (Chair), Sergeant U. Menzies, C. Andrew, R. Rennie, S. Horne, M. Ankers, A. Bradford, A. Monkhouse, P. Robertson and A. Kelly

Apology: M. Caird.

Attending for South Ayrshire Council: V. Andrews, Clerk to the Licensing Board; M. Douglas, Licensing Policy Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Administrative Officer.

Also Attending: L. Bowie, Alcohol Focus Scotland; E. Caldow, Lead Public Health Practitioner, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; and H. Ankers.

1. Chair's Remarks.

Councillor Douglas Campbell, Chair of the Licensing Board welcomed members of the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum to this joint meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Licensing Forum.

The Minutes (issued) of the Local Licensing Forums of 19th November and 10th December 2010 (Special) were submitted.

Decided: to note the Minutes of the previous Forum meetings.

3. Presentation from NHS Ayrshire and Arran on Health Statistics.

The members of the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum heard a presentation from Elaine Caldwell, Lead Public Health Practitioner of NHS Ayrshire and Arran on health statistics.

Questions were raised by members of the Forum regarding statistics and patterns; the correlation between longer drinking hours and admissions to A&E and whether the high levels of alcohol consumed and patients hospitalised with alcohol conditions was restricted to Scotland or a national problem; whether the NHS was highlighting the connection between alcohol and some cancers and taking steps to address this; how much of the alcohol purchased from off-sales premises was from major supermarkets; reappraising how community health services were delivered to target those in need; and whether all Licensing Boards were experiencing the same problems and E. Caldwell and L. Bowie responded accordingly.

Following a question from L. Bowie regarding how the Board and Forum members saw the information given in the presentation relating to Licensing and decisions taken by the Board, C. Andrew and Councillor D. Campbell responded accordingly advising that the Board had undertaken reviews and established principles in an attempt to eradicate sales to under-age youths and had found that where a breach had occurred, one of the licensing objectives had been contravened and the Board would, therefore, uphold the review, however, this was a large scale problem.

Decided: the Chair, on behalf of the Licensing Board and Local Licensing Forum,

- (1) thanked E. Caldwell for her interesting and informative presentation;
- (2) thanked L. Bowie for attending the meeting; and
- (3) requested that the Clerk to the Board issue a copy of E. Caldwell's presentation to all members of the Licensing Board and the Local Licensing Forum.

4. Chair's Remarks.

Councillor Campbell thanked all members for their attendance and contribution.

The meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.