Argyll and Bute Council Comhairle Earra Ghaidheal agus Bhoid

Customer Services



MINUTES of MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2013

Present: Fred Bruce (Chair)

Sergeant Mark Wilson, Community Liaison Officer, Police Scotland

Calum MacLachlainn, Licensed Trade

Martin Donovan, Licensed Trade

Iain MacNaughton, Community Representative

Roanna Clark, Young Scot Elaine Garman, NHS Highland

Eric Dearie, Licensing Standards Officer

Attending: Susan Mair, Legal Manager

John Woods, Alcohol Focus Scotland

Douglas Scott, Youth Services North Argyll Youth Forum

In the absence of the Chair, S Mair invited the members to elect a chair for the meeting. The Forum agreed Fred Bruce would chair the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Kenneth Harrison, Russell Buchanan, Tim Saul, Sheila Johnston, Raymond Boyle, David Greenwell, Cath Cakebread and Sarah Nicolson.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Local Licensing Forum held on 2 October 2013 were approved as a correct record.

3. LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

A verbal update was provided by S Mair, Legal Manager on the progress of the Licensing Policy Statement.

She informed members that:

The consultation period was now over and five responses had been received including the response submitted by the Forum. Responses had been received from the Council's: Regulatory Services, Police Scotland, Kilmore Community Council and Alcohol Focus Scotland. Although it was a disappointing response S Mair suggested this could perhaps be seen in a positive light as the updated policy addresses the concerns of the consultees.

S Mair mentioned that she had anticipated more responses from Community

Councils. However the Forum suggested perhaps it was difficult timing for Community Council's due to the Elections and ongoing By-Elections.

S Mair informed the Forum that the Final Policy which will be valid for three years, should be finalised and available on Argyll and Bute Council's website by the end of the calendar year.

Decision

The Forum noted the position.

4. PRESENTATION ON ALCOHOL TAX BY NORTH ARGYLL YOUTH FORUM

The Forum heard a presentation by North Argyll Youth Forum on implementing an alcohol tax within Argyll and Bute.

Decision

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The Members of the Forum were informed of the joint meeting with the Licensing Board that is scheduled to take place on Thursday 12 December 2013. A discussion took place regarding items for the agenda of the joint meeting.

Decision

The Forum noted and agreed a request from North Argyll Youth Forum to do a further presentation at the joint meeting between the Local Licensing Forum and Licensing Board.

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