NOTE of INQUORATE MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the COMMITTEE ROOM 1, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2014

Present: Eric Dearie, Licensing Standards Officer (Chair)

Russell Buchanan, Ex Licensee Martin Donovan, Licensed Trade

lain MacNaughton, Community Representative

Cath Cakebread, Argyll and Bute Addiction Team Manager

Elaine Garman, NHS Highland

Sergeant David Ferguson, Police Scotland

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had nothing to report to the group.

The group discussed the informal meeting that was held as a result of the last meeting to discuss, with the Licensing Board, the role of the Forum. The group agreed that they had found the informal meeting, in which the forum sat through a meeting of the licensing board prior to the discussion with some members of the licensing board very beneficial.

The forum highlighted that a major change to licensing law is about to be introduced in relation to the drink driving policy and some members of the forum felt that they should have been given an opportunity to submit their views. The forum was advised that the licensing board were also not involved in the consultation phase of these changes.

Sheila MacFadyen advised that she had a copy of the agenda from the most recent local licensing forum that had been held at West Dunbartonshire Council, and advised the meeting as to the items on the agenda. The meeting noted that although West Dunbartonshire had reports on the agenda (e.g. police and licensing standards), all the reports were for noting only and no recommendations were being made as a result of these reports. The meeting agreed that although reports from Police Scotland and the Licensing Standards Officers were informative, at a previous meeting they had agreed to stop requesting such reports as they felt they were of no benefit and required officers to collate information for noting only.

Decision

The Minutes of the Local Licensing Forum held on 30 April 2014 were approved as a correct record.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORUM

The Local Licensing Forum were advised that this item had been put on the Agenda to provide the Forum with an opportunity to identify any potential gaps in the membership. The Forum had a discussion on the membership and advised that it would be useful to have representation from the off sales trade on the forum. The Chair advised that Mark Tyson, who is a pub licensee and member of the PubWatch scheme in Helensburgh, is keen to join the Forum. The Chair advised that there are approximately 60 licensed members clubs throughout Argyll and Bute and the forum agreed that it would be beneficial to have representative from them on the Forum. The group discussed the Geographical representation of the forum and agreed that most areas are currently well represented with the exception of Helensburgh and Lomond, Campbeltown and the Islands. The forum agreed that it was unrealistic to expect someone from an Island to travel to Lochgilphead for the meeting however the forum discussed the possibility of members attending the Forum via Video Conferencing. The Forum discussed ways of attracting new members and agreed that an advert in local papers or trade magazines could be a viable option.

Decision

The Local Licensing Forum agreed that representation from the off sales trade and a licensed members club would benefit the Forum and in order to cover all of Argyll and Bute it would be valuable to get members from Helensburgh, Campbeltown and possibly the Islands. The Forum also agreed that Susan Mair should look into methods of advertising in order to attract new members to the Forum and the advertisement should advise that Video Conference could be used to prevent people from having to travel.

5. FESTIVE HOURS POLICY

The Local Licensing Forum were provided with a copy of

successful. However the Forum also noted that it would be hard to determine whether a change in statistics was a result of the Festive Hours Policy or was because of the increased resources put in place by Police Scotland over the holiday season.

6. THE FIVE POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Chair advised that the agenda should read the five licensing objectives as opposed to the five policy objectives, and asked Sheila MacFadyen to remind the Forum of the five licensing objectives. Sheila MacFadyen advised that it had been agreed at the informal meeting of the Local Licensing Forum that the five licensing objectives should be a standing item on all future agendas, and this would allow the forum to raise any issues they had at any meeting. The Chair advised that under the previous item we had spoken a lot about objective (e), Protecting Children from Harm and he advised that as part of The Air Weapons Bill currently progressing through the Scottish Parliament that this was being updated to read Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm. The Chair reported that the Licensing Board are required to take into account each of the Licensing Policy Objectives when deciding whether to grant or deny every licensing application. The Forum agreed that it would be helpful if the five objectives were detailed on each agenda to remind people of what they were.

Decision

The Forum agreed that for future agendas, the Five Licensing Objectives should be detailed to remind the forum of what they are.

7. ASDORD HOLLIGOSOUS ASCOTILANIDTRIELPOCIED SONIEUE PREPARENT TORK RAPSSSOTIPA KINDSKOSPAPPOR REPUT

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Pub Watch

The Local Licensing Forum held a discussion on the pub watch scheme. The Chair advised that currently there are three pub watch schemes