

**NOTE of INQUORATE MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2012**

Present:

Kenneth Harrison (Chair)

Iain MacNaughton, Community Representative
David Greenwell, ADAT – Health Board
Cath Cakebread, Argyll and Bute Addiction Team Manager
Roanna Clark, Young Scot
Alana MacLachlan, Young Person, Oban
Sarah Nicolson, Young Person, Lochgilphead
Elaine Garman, NHS Highland
Eric Dearie, Licensing Standards Officer

Attending:

Susan Mair, Argyll and Bute Council
Shona Marshall, Argyll and Bute Council
Graeme Forrester, Argyll and Bute Council

The Chair went on to suggest that it would be beneficial to invite the Chair of the new Licensing Board (LB) along to meetings of the LLF. This would help highlight the expertise which existed within the membership of the Forum and provide recognition on how the LLF and LB could work together in re-shaping the new Licensing Policy.

Decision

It was noted that guidance would be sought from the Head of Governance and Law on;

- (i) whether Members who were unable to attend a particular meeting could

Discussion followed on the function of the LLF in relation to the LB. It was put forward that the LLF existed to interpret government policy on alcohol and licensing and apply local influences and knowledge in an advisory capacity to the LB. There were a range of differing local circumstances throughout the Argyll and Bute area, from urban to rural populations, which could be brought to the attention of the LB by members of the LLF when applying a particular policy or license.

The LLF was of the opinion that it could be effective in providing valuable assistance to the LB when formulating its policy for 2013, and discussion took place on how this could be achieved, which topic(s) could be identified for progressing and methods used to gather and interpret statistics to support particular studies.

Following on from discussion regarding the effects alcohol had on various age groups, Roanna Clark reminded the LLF of their decision at a meeting earlier in the year to support a project in Argyll and Bute similar to that which operated in Poland whereby some of the country's youth projects were funded through taxes on alcohol sales given to the Local Authority. The North Argyll Forum had brought the project to the Scottish Youth Parliament, and following their support it was now going to Government for approval.

S Mair informed the LLF that the next meeting of the LB was due to be held in November 2012 and that the Statement of Licensing Policy would be an item on their Agenda for discussion, taking into account their legal responsibilities and to provide guidance on the way forward. The role of the LLF within the policy making framework could also be discussed.

Members were of the opinion that a small group, representative of the LLF, should meet on an informal basis to actively take forward and

6. **DISCUSS WHETHER A RECOMMENDATION BE MADE TO THE LICENSING BOARD TO REVIEW ITS POLICY IN RELATION TO PROCESSING LICENSES SO THAT THE POLICY ALLOWS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIC PREMISES TO HAVE EXTENDED OPENING HOURS**

Noted that this Item would be carried forward to the