

Kenneth Harrison (Chair)

Chief Inspector Marlene Baillie, Strathclyde Police  
Calum MacLachlainn, Licensed Trade  
J Russell Buchanan, Ex Licensee  
Martin Donovan, Licensed Trade  
Fred Bruce, Community Representative  
Raymond Boyle, Community Representative  
Cath Cakebread, Argyll and Bute Addition Team Manager  
Roanna Clark, Young Scot  
Sarah Nicolson, Young Person  
Raymond Park, Licensing Standards Officer

Graeme Forrester, Argyll and Bute Council  
Shona Marshall, Argyll and Bute Council  
John Woods, Alcohol Focus Scotland  
Heather Murray, Strathclyde Police  
Alana Maclaughlin, Young Person

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair informed Members that every calendar year of the Licensing Forum a new chair must be appointed. This had been omitted from the Agenda.

The Chair ruled, and the Forum agreed, that this additional Item be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Apologies for absence were received from Inspector Stuart Watson, Tim Saul, Sheila Johnston, Iain MacNaughton, David Greenwell, Elaine Garman and Eric Dearie.

As it was the first meeting of the year, the Forum was required to appoint a Chairperson and Graeme Forrester invited nominations. Calum MacLachlainn proposed that Kenneth Harrison be appointed as Chair and this was seconded by Fred Bruce.

Accordingly Kenneth Harrison was appointed as Chair for the year 2013 and he took the Chair.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Licensing Forum held on Wednesday 11 April 2012 were approved as a correct record.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Licensing Forum held on Wednesday 18 July 2012 were approved as a correct record.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Licensing Forum held on Wednesday 17 October 2012 were approved as a correct record.

The Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Argyll and Bute Licensing Board and Local Licensing Forum held on Wednesday 19 December 2012 were noted.

There was tabled a paper titled "Review of the Licensing Board Policy" regarding a meeting which took place on Tuesday 19 February 2013. Representatives of the Licensing Board (LB) were invited, the aim of the meeting being to investigate the methods used by other Boards to construct an evidence based statement of licensing policy.

The paper highlighted points of discussion at the meeting which would help identify practical issues which may arise when reviewing the policy.

Members of the Forum expressed their dismay and disappointment at this review meeting having been held without any representation from the Local Licensing Forum (LLF) being present. It was also queried why the offer of attendance by the LLF Chair had been turned down.

It was pointed out that the purpose of the LLF was to review the operation of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in their area and how the Licensing Board (LB) operated in the area, and also to keep under review the exercise of the Local Licensing Board's functions.

Members understood the remit of the LLF as being to consider each section of the Licensing Board Policy and present any updates or suggestions for change to the LB



Noted the report.

The Forum considered Items for discussion at future meetings of the Forum.

Agreed that the Local Licensing Forum Agenda contain only the Item "Review of the Licensing Board Policy" until the deadline for submission of the policy had passed.