

**MINUTES of MEETING of LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,
KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2013**

Present:

Kenneth Harrison (Chair)

Inspector John Blair, Police Scotland
Fred Bruce, Licensed Trade
Cath Cakebread (Argyll and Bute Addiction Team Manager)
Elaine Garman (NHS Highland)

Attending:

Councillor Sandy Taylor, (Chair Licensing Board)
Susan Mair, (Legal Manager)
Graeme Forrester, (Solcitor, Legal Services)
Kate Connelly, (Trainee Solicitor, Legal Services)
Raymond Park (Licensing Standards Officer)
Shona Marshall, (Committee Services)
Megan Harris, (ADP Co-Ordinator)

Decision

1. Noted that the Draft Licensing Policy document would be sent to all Members of the LLF for consideration.
2. Agreed that a further meeting of the LLF be arranged to collate any comments on the Draft Licensing Policy in time for submission to the Licensing Board.

(b) POLICY REVIEW ITEMS

S Mair, Legal Manager provided a verbal report on Policy Review Items.

It was outlined that the main changes contained in the Draft Licensing Policy Statement related to local conditions which were to be attached to the granting of occasional licenses.

It was noted that a limit was set out in legislation as to the number of events a Social Club could hold in a year, and this was being monitored by the Council.

Decision

Noted the position.

4. ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND

Caroline Church, Alcohol Focus Scotland provided a presentation on the findings of a survey carried out regarding the provision and overprovision of alcohol in the Argyll and Bute Council area. She went on to highlight some actions put in place as a result of these findings.

She highlighted the following;

- Harm to Others – the area of alcohol harm affecting people other than the drinker. Actions included Rory, Oh'Lila and YPAAD Support Group;
- Licensing and where and why people drank and bought their alcohol. Actions included hosting alcohol free family friendly events, communicating with Community Councils and consulting young people;
- What we already know – price and availability are linked to consumption and harm;
- Affordability and availability – price and affordability of alcohol is mainly controlled by Government, availability is controlled locally by Licensing Boards; and
- Overprovision – is a tool, not an end in itself and the number of licensed premises that constitutes overprovision is a matter for a Licensing Board to decide based on an assessment of the evidence.

In conclusion, she stated that by carefully controlling the overall availability of alcohol,

