

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the FALKIRK LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2015 at 2.30 p.m.

FORUM MEMBERS

PRESENT: Gordon Emslie (Personal Licence holder); Aileen Holliday (NHS Forth Valley); David Gibson (Social Work); Madelene Hunt (Person resident in Forum Area), Ian Lovie (Scottish Grocers Federation); Bruce Rennie (District Bowling Association); Warren Luke (Person resident in Forum Area); Nash Lalli (Personal Licenceholder); PC Andy Kane, Police Scotland; Aileen Holliday (NHS Forth Valley); and Thomas Ross (Licensing Standards Officer).

APOLOGIES: Inspector Billy Drummond (Police Scotland); Lorraine Fisher (Education); Caird Forsyth (Falkirk Alcohol and Drug Partnership); Charles Gillespie (Person resident in Forum Area); Alison Barr, Consumer Protection Manager; and Rose Mary Glackin (Clerk to Falkirk Council Licensing Board).

CHAIR: Gordon Emslie.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

PRESENT: Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer.

1. MINUTE

The Forum **approved** the minute of the meeting held on 13 August 2015.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE

There were no matters arising from the minute.

3. NOTE OF INQUORATE MEETING

The Forum endorsed the note of the inquorate meeting on 20 October 2015.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM INQUORATE NOTE

(a) Counter Terrorism

PC Andy Kane, Police Scotland advised that the current threat level to the UK had been 'severe' since January 2015. The current threat level for Belgium was 'critical'.

(b) Draft Statement of Licensing Policy

Gordon Emslie confirmed the importance of bringing the licensing objectives 'to life' for the Licensing Forum and Board. It was agreed that at a future Forum meeting consideration would take place on the option to focus on one licensing objective over a number of meetings and for 'expert' contributors in the specific field being invited as appropriate.

5. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Joint meeting between Licensing Board and Licensing Forum

The Forum agreed the undernoted issues would be discussed with the Board at the joint meeting which followed that afternoon:-

- Draft Statement of Licensing Policy;
- Statement of Licensing Policy for 2017; and
- Licensing Board Annual Report 2015.

6. PROPOSED DATES OF LICENSING FORUM MEETINGS - 2016

There was circulated report dated 26 October 2015 from the Clerk to the Licensing Forum on the proposed dates for meetings during 2016.

The dates were agreed as undernoted:-

- Thursday 21 January 2016 at 2.00 p.m.;
- Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 6.00 p.m.;
- Thursday 26 May 2016 at 2.00 p.m.;
- Tuesday 23 August 2016 at 6.00 p.m.; and
- Thursday 27 October 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Jill Bennet (Person resident in Forum Area) entered after the conclusion of the meeting.