

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the FALKIRK LOCAL LICENSING FORUM held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2011 at 1.30 p.m.

FORUM MEMBERS

PRESENT:

L Ainslie, Bo'ness Community Council; D Connell, Forth Valley College (substituting for S Crawford); C Forsyth, Corporate Policy Officer (Substance Misuse); B Flynn, The Scottish Licensed Trade Association; T Grieve, Brightons Community Council; Dr O Harding, NHS Forth Valley; Superintendent R McGregor, Central Scotland Police; M Mulligan, Denny & District Community Council (substituting for C Belbin); T Ross, Licensing Standards Officer, and P Smith, BEDA.

CONVENER:

T Grieve.

APOLOGIES:

C Belbin, Denny & District Community Council; S Crawford, Forth Valley College; A Keir, Belhaven Leased Pubs; I Lovie & K Mackie, Scottish Grocers' Federation Ltd.; G Morgan & M Cooper, Falkirk Central Community Council; P Nicol, Young Scot and M Richards, Grangemouth Community Council.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

PRESENT:

B Pirie, Democratic Services Manager and A Fraser, Committee Officer (Law and Administration Services).

ALSO ATTENDING:

Provost P Reid and Councillor M Nicol; Sergeant B Daye, Central Scotland Police; D Frood, Licensing Standards Officer, and M Hunt, Bo'ness Community Council.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

In terms of the constitution, nominations for Convener were invited from its membership by the Clerk to the Licensing Forum.

There being only one nomination, it was **AGREED** that Tom Grieve be duly elected Forum Convener for 2011.

2. MINUTES

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED-**

- (a) Minute of Meeting of the Falkirk Local Licensing Forum held on 27 May 2010, and
- (b) Minute of Meeting of the Falkirk Local Licensing Forum held on 23 September 2010.

3. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – 2011

The Forum **AGREED** the undernoted dates of meetings for 2011 within the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk at 2.30 p.m. -

- Thursday 24 February
- Thursday 26 May
- Thursday 22 September
- Thursday 1 December

4. THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 UPDATE ON OVERPROVISION ASSESSMENT, ISSUING OF LICENCES AND THE REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 15 January 2010 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board providing details on (a) the work undertaken in developing and preparing the Licensing Board's draft Overprovision Assessment; (b) the pre-consultation exercise carried out to consider whether there are certain localities within the Falkirk Council area where overprovision of licensed premises, or premises of a particular description, which may require to be addressed; (c) the evaluation and analysis of all the responses received from the pre-consultation exercise; (d) the processing and issuing of premises licences, and (e) the work carried out on the review of the statement of the Licensing Board's Licensing Policy.

B Pirie advised that the Licensing Forum had requested this Report at its informal meeting on 28 October 2010.

The Report would be considered at the joint meeting between the Forum and Falkirk Council Licensing Board later, but was included on the agenda to allow the Forum to discuss the main issues contained in the Report and to form a view.

Discussion the focussed on:-

- the approach taken by other Licensing Authorities in addressing overprovision
- the requirement to prove "causation" and the difficulty in establishing links between overprovision
- the Board's proposed consultation with stakeholders on its overprovision assessment
- Forth Valley NHS's 4 strategic priorities
- the need to base the overprovision assessment on accurate and up to date information
- the definition of "localities" within the assessment
- the link between alcohol and domestic violence both locally and nationally

A copy of the draft Overprovision Assessment and General Approach to the Consideration of Overprovision Consultation document was circulated for information prior to the Joint meeting.

NOTED.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues were raised for future consideration:-

- smoking outside licensed premises
- inviting guest speakers to address the Forum
- domestic violence
- membership of the Forum

NOTED.