

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of Joint Meeting of Falkirk Licensing Board and the Falkirk Local Licensing Forum held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Nicol (Convener of Falkirk Licensing Board); Councillors Jim Blackwood, Gordon Hughes and Sandy Turner (Members of Falkirk Licensing Board); Gordon Emslie (Personal Licence Holder); David Gibson (Social Work); Aileen Holliday (NHS Forth Valley); Madelene Hunt (Person resident in Forum Area); Ian Lovie (Scottish Grocers Federation); Bruce Rennie (District Bowling Association); Warren Luke (Person resident in Forum Area); Inspector Billy Drummond, Police Scotland; and Thomas Ross (Licensing Standards Officer).

Chair: Councillor Nicol.

Council Officers

Present: Alison Barr, Consumer Protection Manager; Rose Mary Glackin, Clerk, Falkirk Licensing Board; and Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer.

Also Present: Sergeant Marie White, Police Scotland.

1. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie William Buchanan; and Councillors Allyson Black and Ann Ritchie.

2. Minute

The Minute of Joint meeting between Falkirk Licensing Board and the Falkirk Local Licensing Forum held on 24 November 2015 was approved.

3. Licensing Board Annual Report - 1 November 2015 to 30 September 2016

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 18 October 2016 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board (a) setting out the work undertaken by the Board since 1 November 2015 in relation to activity under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005; (b) attaching as an appendix, the report considered by the Licensing Board on 14 June 2016 which detailed the requirement of the Licensing Board to set an annual fee for payment by holders of premises licences; (c) advising of the number of premises and personal licences currently in force within the Council area; (d) summarising the number of applications for new premises licences, provisional premises licences, variations to current premises licences; (e) applications to review premises licences and personal licence revocations; (f) applications for extended hours; (g) providing an analysis of the types of applicant for occasional licences and the total number of hours granted

by way of occasional licences; (h) detailing the number of applications received for extended hours per month and the application outcomes; and (i) an update on the Air Weapons and Licensing Act 2015; (j) attaching, at Appendix 2, details of occasional licence applications by type, nature of function and the hours sought; and (k) attaching, at Appendix 3, the Statement of Licensing Policy .

After hearing from Alison Barr in summary of the Report, the Board **Noted** the Report and thereafter highlighted the undernoted issues:-

- The responsibilities under the new Immigration Act;
- The licencing of functions over the festive period; and
- The enforcement of premises licences and annual fees; and
- The licensing of functions undertaken by voluntary organisations.

Councillors Gordon Hughes and Sandy Tuner entered the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

4. Chief Constable's Annual Report - 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

There was submitted Report (circulated) for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 by the Chief Constable.

After hearing from Sergeant Marie White and Inspector Billy Drummond in summary of the Report, the Board **Noted** the Report and thereafter highlighted the undernoted issues:-

- The excellent work undertaken by Police Scotland in collaboration with the Board and Licensing Standards Officers;
- The test purchasing arrangements and associated training; and
- The work within the town centres in reducing violence and crime.

5. Any Other Competent Business

The following issues were discussed:-

- The licensing objectives in relation to alcohol and health;
- The purchase of alcohol and the use of social media; and
- The enforcement of licensing conditions.