



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EAST LoTHIAN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

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TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

Forum Members Present:

Stuart Baxter
David Black
PC Heather Bowsher
David Forrest
Rudi Fruzynski
Jim Goodfellow
Pat Hanson (outgoing Secretary)
George Hood
Insp Ian Mackay
Garry Naysmith
Christine O'Brien
Ricky Ross
John Thayers

Council Officials Present:

None

Licensing Board Members Present:

None (other than Jim Goodfellow)

Visitors Present:

None

Apologies:

Bernard Harkins
Stuart Logan
Dave Dickson (received later)
Kirstie MacNeill

In the absence of the outgoing Chair, Jim Goodfellow took the Chair

1. FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Pat Hanson (outgoing Secretary) reported on email correspondence received from Fiona Currie at East Lothian Council. This related to formalising the appointment of ongoing and new members of the Forum. He read out names from List A (existing members who may be confirmed for a further period) and List B (recent new members who needed their applications formally approved). As a result of discussion Martin Bonnar's name was deleted from List A and Stuart Baxter's name added [*Dave Dickson's name should also have been added because he later clarified that he wished to stay on the Forum*]. List B members present who were asked to complete application forms were David Black, Christine O'Brien, Garry Naysmith and George Hood (who was welcomed as a full member rather than a guest). Pat said that any remaining Forum membership issues should be resolved by the new Secretary and Fiona Currie by 31st March 2014.

Decision

List A Forum members, as amended above, were approved for continuing membership subject to any further formal procedures. List B members, as confirmed by the receipt of completed application forms and any further formal procedures, were also so approved.

2. ELECTION OF FORUM OFFICERS

For the post of Chair and Convener George Hood was nominated, seconded, duly elected and took over as Chair of the meeting.

For the post of Secretary David Black was nominated, seconded and duly elected. David was welcomed to his first Forum meeting and introductions were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 2013

The minutes of the December meeting had been previously circulated. No problems with the accuracy were raised.

Decision

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

i Refresher Training for Personal Licence Holders Pat Hanson reported that ITA Training were proposing to hold a further Refresher Training course at the Maitlandfield House Hotel, Haddington, on 25th March 2014. CPL were also holding courses at a number of centres, with the Edinburgh ones scheduled for about every six weeks. The Chair reported that RASP pubwatch had organised Refresher Training through Macdonald Licensing at Musselburgh Rugby Club on 16th April 2014 at a cost of £75.

In discussion PC Heather Bowsher asked how many Personal Licence holders in the area had their licence dating back to 2008/9 and who therefore needed early refresher training? Rudi Fruzynski said that it was about 300 out of 1100 in the area; the Council would be writing out three months in advance of the expiry of personal licences. There had been plenty of publicity about the need to refresh through SLTN and other trade media and as LSO he was continually stressing the need for this to be undertaken. Further publicity would be afforded through the Forum website. The position was noted.

ii 2014 Meeting Dates and Joint Meeting with the Licensing Board Pat Hanson confirmed the previously agreed meeting dates ie the first Tuesday in June, September and December. It had been proposed that the annual joint meeting with the Licensing Board be held as part of the June 2014 Forum meeting. Jim Goodfellow indicated that he was happy with this.

Decision

It was agreed that the joint meeting with the Licensing Board should take place at the June 2014 Forum meeting. Kirstie MacNeill, Clerk to the Licensing Board, should be contacted about this by the Secretary.

5. ALCOHOL LICENSING FEES - REPORT TO THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

The report of the relevant steering group, which had been previously circulated, was discussed. Members noted that (partly due to a lack of response from Councils on existing fees) there had not been any specific recommendations on fee structures and levels. More expenditure was said to be needed on the expenditure of income from fees. It was noted that the report suggested that fees for Occasional Licences should be increased, perhaps substantially. Jim Goodfellow said that he was looking for guidance from the Forum on this issue. There was also an option for more than one band for Occasional Licence fees eg in respect of charities. He would report back on the Board's decision later.

Decision

It was agreed to be reasonable for the fee for Occasional Licences to be increased. The rest of the paper was noted.

6. LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Rudi Fruzynski reported that a personal licence had been suspended for five months as a result of a police report. This had shown that the Board meant business and was not afraid to use its powers. The Board had considered four major variations, including a change to an Open Licence for Musselburgh Golf Club. A new premises licence had been agreed for the Waterloo Bistro at Haddington. Because of the temporary closure of the premises previously due to flooding this was agreed with due regard to the new Overprovision policy.

Rudi gave additional details about the procedure to be put into place for the endorsement of a Personal Licence following the successful completion of Refresher Training. This would also enable any change of address to be recorded and there would be no fee. This would all be clarified on the Forum website.

Rudi reported that in the recent period there had only been a small number of complaints and gave additional details about the overall business dealt with by the Board. There would be no general extension of Licensed Hours for the World Cup in June 2014 - any applications would be dealt with on their merits. After questions from members about World Cup extensions, early opening at some premises, Open Licences for clubs and the prospect for approval of a premises licence for the Musselburgh Arms the report was noted with thanks.

7. POLICE REPORT

PC Heather Bowsher gave a report on the recent three month period. Serious assaults were down 60% in the last year due to the effects of exclusion orders and the monitoring of some premises. One premises had been closed due to insolvency. This was likely to result in an application for a new Premises Licence. Presentations of the 'Who Are You?' video, aimed at preventing sexual assaults, had continued.

Inspector Ian Mackay added that there had been a good feedback and response to the additional police activity over the Christmas and New Year period.

Pat Hanson raised a query about press reports about a premises in Musselburgh said to have been visited by police 18 times in December and January. PC Bowsher said that this should be viewed positively because the management of the premises was being proactive in dealing with issues.

After further discussion about response rates and incident numbers the report was noted with thanks.

8. PUBWATCH SCHEME REPORTS

The Chair said that he had recently attended a National Pubwatch Meeting in Manchester. This had dealt with important issues of partnership building and the need to continue the downward trend in violent crime. There was also a new PASS ID scheme being launched. Some legal aspects of Pubwatch activities were under scrutiny and a case in England to be heard on 12th April may be significant.

There were no other pubwatch reports.

9. ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND

i National Licensing Conference 2014 Pat Hanson reported that the AFS Conference would be taking place in Edinburgh on 7th October 2014.

Decision

It was agreed that, in accordance with previous practice (and with thanks to the Council) the Chair and Secretary should attend the 7th October Conference.

ii eFocus Newsletters The December and January Newsletters had been previously circulated. Pat Hanson said that the February issue, of which he had a small number of paper copies, had been circulated by email.

John Thayers noted that Minimum Unit Pricing looked like being delayed indefinitely whilst the legal arguments went into Europe. He was also happy to note that alcohol-related deaths had fallen faster in Scotland than in the rest of the UK. The papers were noted.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a unanimous vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair and Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Research

[Doing it by numbers: A simple approach to reducing the harms of alcohol](#)

[Has industry funding biased studies of the protective effects of alcohol on cardiovascular disease?](#)

Events

Rory network lunch

All practitioners using the AFS Rory resource are invited to a networking lunch.

10 April, Glasgow
15 April, Edinburgh
[More info](#)

New Directions in the Study of Alcohol Conference

24-26 April 2014,
Dundee
[More info](#)

Family Recovery 2014 Conference

30 May 2014,
Aberdeen
[More info](#)

National Licensing Conference

7 October 2014,
Edinburgh
[More info](#)

Resources

[Oh Lila website](#)

New website for practitioners using our Oh Lila! resource with pre-school children.

Alcohol without the hangover - using science to reduce the harms of alcohol

View Professor David Nutt speaking at a recent SHAAP seminar.

[Presentation](#)

Training

News & Policy



Alcohol duty escalator axed

In his Budget, the Chancellor announced that the alcohol duty escalator, which had seen duty rise by 2% above the rate of inflation each year, would be scrapped. Instead, beer duty was cut by 1p and duty on spirits and cider was frozen. The announcement was met with dismay from the alcohol and public health community. Dr Evelyn Gillan, Chief Executive of Alcohol Focus Scotland said: "It is disappointing that politicians have once again listened to the alcohol industry rather than the people working to reduce alcohol harm and improve public health. We know

that cheap alcohol costs lives, and millions of pounds dealing with the damage to health and our communities. It was vital that the duty escalator was maintained."

75 ambulance calls a day to deal with alcohol

Paramedics were called to more than 27,000 incidents involving alcohol-related illnesses or injuries in each of the past three years. That equates to almost 75 calls a day - an average of one every 19 minutes - made to the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Greater Glasgow dealt with the most alcohol-related incidents, at 6,640. The Scottish Ambulance Service also highlighted that alcohol was a consistent factor in attacks on paramedics. [Read more](#)



End of aisle displays increase alcohol and fizzy drinks sales

Researchers from the Behaviour and Health Research Unit have found that displays at the end of supermarket aisles significantly increase purchases of the displayed alcohol. After controlling for price, price promotion and number of display locations for each product, they found displaying an item at the end of the aisle increased sales by 46% for spirits, 34% for wine and 23% for beer. Similar displays of carbonated drinks increase purchases by 52%. [Read more](#)

National communities project

Funding for AFS' national communities project has now come to an end. The project involved supporting communities to identify their own priorities in relation to alcohol harm and working with partners to reduce alcohol harm in Neilston, East Renfrewshire, and Lochgilphead/Ardrishaig in Argyll. In both communities, there are plans to continue with the work that has been developed over the past two years.

Brand stretch: How alcohol brands are pushing marketing boundaries

The public is encountering alcohol brands in new contexts as drink companies extend their marketing reach by linking their brands to non-alcoholic products. The [paper from Alcohol Concern](#) gives examples including Guinness chocolate and crisps, Bailey's ice cream, and Jack Daniels table sauces; as well as alcohol branded mugs, clothing and sports equipment. It contends that brand stretching is a means for alcohol companies to build brand awareness and keep their products in consumers' minds at times when they're not necessarily drinking.

Latest Scottish licensing figures

[Licensing figures](#) show in 2012/13 there were 16,237 premises licences in force across Scotland - 11,363 of these were on-sales and 4,874 off-sales. In 2012/13, 332 new licences were granted and just 12 refused.

New alcohol information app launched in Angus

A new app has been developed to address alcohol misuse and encourage people to drink sensibly. The app gives information on alcohol consumption including units and calories, staying safe and advice for parents. Also in the app, and on the Focus on Alcohol [website](#), is a question and answer section where a trained alcohol adviser will answer questions

Personal licence holder and refresher training

Various dates are available at our Glasgow office.

[More info](#)

Alcohol Policy in Practice

22-25 September, Edinburgh
Postgraduate CPD course for practitioners provided by the UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies.

[More info](#)

and provide advice within 48 hours. The app is available to download for mobiles and tablets at Google Play and the App store.

Oh Lila! resource for pre-school children

Children at Linthaugh Nursery School in Glasgow were the first to see a new animation using the [Oh Lila!](#) story. The Oh Lila! resource pack is already helping thousands of children in 540 nurseries and early years services across Scotland. The message of Oh Lila! is that if children are scared or worried, it is always best to speak to a trusted adult. The resource aims to develop social skills, encourage children to communicate and build resilience - skills which are particularly helpful for the thousands of children living with a problem drinking parent.



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Research

[Association between stricter alcohol advertising regulations and lower hazardous drinking across European countries](#)

[International Alcohol Control Study: Pricing data and hours of purchase predict heavier drinking](#)

Events

National Licensing Conference

7 October 2014,
Edinburgh
Justice Secretary
Kenny MacAskill, Dr
James Nicholls and
Sir Crispin Agnew
QC confirmed as
speakers.
[More info](#)

Training

PLH and Refresher training

Extra dates for
refresher courses
have been added to
cope with demand.
[More info](#)

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Resources

AFS on You Tube

Have a look at
the videos on our
new [You Tube
channel](#)

You, your child and alcohol

We have a stock of
these booklets
aimed at parents and
carers. For free
copies (P&P will

News & Policy



Minimum pricing referred to Europe

The implementation of minimum unit pricing in Scotland will be further delayed after judges at the Court of Session referred the case to the Court of Justice in Europe. Dr Evelyn Gillan, Alcohol Focus Scotland Chief Executive, said: "If the appeal judges feel that clarification is needed, we can only hope that this process does not drag on. Every week that minimum pricing is delayed, another twenty Scots lose their lives because of alcohol. It is frustrating to see a policy that has been agreed through the democratic process being held up by big business who care more about protecting profits than the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland."

[Watch this video](#) of Glasgow GP Dr Richard Watson talk about the impact of alcohol on his patients and the need for minimum pricing.

Beckham urged to rethink whisky deal

Alcohol campaigners have expressed disappointment that David Beckham has signed up to promote a new Diageo whisky. Given his other roles promoting sport and a healthy lifestyle to children, we believe this will send a confusing message to them about the dangers of alcohol and its impact on a healthy lifestyle, and we call on him to rethink his association with this product.

Cost of alcohol credited for drop in serious violence in England and Wales

Violent crime is continuing a long term fall in England and Wales according to annual figures from NHS hospitals. There was a 12% fall in injuries from violent incidents in 2013, according to data from almost a third of emergency departments examined by Cardiff University. Professor Jonathan Shepherd, the report's lead author, said: "After decades in which alcohol has become more affordable, since 2008 it has become less affordable. For people most prone to involvement in violence, those aged 18-30, falls in disposable income are probably an important factor."

Alcohol industry complaints over TV advert cancer link thrown out

Alcohol industry complaints that a [TV advert](#) linking drinking with an increased risk of cancer was misleading have been thrown out. The Advertising Standards Authority rejected the claim after being presented with evidence about alcohol and cancer risk. The British Beer and Pub Association and Campaign for Real Ale were among seven groups that alleged the advert by Balance NE breached the UK's code on broadcast advertising. [Read more](#)



Responsibility deal pledge to remove 1 billion units 'on track'

The Department of Health have published a [report](#) detailing interim findings on the Public Health Responsibility Deal Alcohol Network pledge to remove 1 billion units of alcohol from the market by the end of 2015. The report suggests that producers and retailers have removed 253 million units of alcohol from the UK market between 2011 and 2012, mainly from small ABV reductions in beer. An announcement is due from the Portman Group about progress towards the pledge that 80% of alcoholic drink labels contain health information.

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