

## Minute

### Orkney Local Licensing Forum

Wednesday, 15 January 2020, 10:00.

Committee Room 1, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



### Present

- Representative of Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:
  - Malcolm Stout.
- Representative of Persons having functions relating to Health, Education or Social Work:
  - Katie Spence.
- Representatives of Persons Resident within the Forum's Area:
  - Barry Cockerham.
  - Andy McGinn.
  - Bob Mackenzie.
- Representative of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland:
  - Police Constable Simon Hay.

### Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer, Orkney Islands Council.

### In Attendance

- Orkney Islands Council:
  - Gillian Morrison, Executive Director of Corporate Services.
  - Lillian Rendall, Legal Clerk.

### Observing

- Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board:
  - Alexander G Cowie, Norman Craigie, Barbara Foulkes and Duncan A Tullock.

### Apologies

- Representative of Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:
  - Angela Crawford.
  - Kelly-Marie McGuigan.
- Representative of Persons having functions relating to Health, Education or Social Work:

Dr Louise Wilson.

- Representative of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland:
  - Chief Inspector Matthew Webb.
  - Sergeant Richard Morris.

### **Not Present**

- Representative of Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:
  - Jean Tulloch.
- Representative of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- Licensing Standards Officer:
  - David Brown.

### **Chair**

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer, Orkney Islands Council (for Item 1).
- Andy McGinn, Convener (for Items 2 to 9).

## **1. Appointment of Convener**

The Senior Committees Officer, Orkney Islands Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked for nominations for Convener.

On the motion of Malcolm Stout, seconded by Bob MacKenzie, the Forum:

Resolved that Andy McGinn be appointed Convener.

Andy McGinn took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## **2. Minute of Previous Meeting**

There had been previously circulated the draft Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 6 November 2019.

On the motion of Andy McGinn, seconded by Barry Cockerham, the Forum resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 6 November 2019.

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minute of the previous Meeting held on 6 November 2019.

## **4. Orkney Street Pastors**

Barry Cockerham gave a short update on the safe space at Kirkwall Travel Centre which operated on "Mad Friday", 20 December 2019, and advised that the Street Pastors had previously agreed with PC Simon Hay that they would remain out on patrol and direct people to the safe space, rather than be based within the safe space.

PC Simon Hay advised that the event had been a success and showed great partnership working, with plans to do a similar event in 2020.

Barry Cockerham suggested that consideration be given to a similar arrangement for County Show night, which was another date in the Orkney calendar when large numbers of people were out socialising. However, with the amount of effort required to co-ordinate the “Mad Friday” event, he suggested it should be considered on an event by event basis, rather than being a regular weekly or monthly event.

Andy McGinn suggested that Stromness Shopping Week was another potential event, however Barry Cockerham advised that the Street Pastors had patrolled during the Saturday night and Stromness Shopping Week was now more family orientated, rather than large concentrations at or near pubs, and they did not see a need for such a facility, nor for the Street Pastors to be visible in Stromness during that time.

PC Simon Hay agreed with Barry Cockerham and advised of the logistics of setting up the Mad Friday safe space, which required eight main partners, although all the comments received had been very positive.

## **5. Pubwatch**

PC Simon Hay gave a brief update on the continuing development of Orkney Pubwatch, with the new system working well. Over the Festive period, there had been requests for bans and warnings. Funding applications had been submitted in respect of insurance cover and registration with the Information Commissioner. No new members had joined Pubwatch since the last update.

Andy McGinn queried what progress had been made since the joint meeting in November 2019 on the proposal that membership of Pubwatch become a mandatory condition on licences. Duncan Tullock advised that a report would be considered by the Board in due course and he would keep the Licensing Forum advised accordingly.

Gillian Morrison joined the meeting at this point.

## **6. Licensing Standards Officer**

As David Brown was not present, no update on the work of the Licensing Standards Officer was given.

## **7. Any Other Competent Business**

PC Simon Hay gave a quick update on crime statistics over the festive period and advised that 12 officers were out on patrol on Mad Friday. Of particular note were, although there were three cases of assault and three minor disorder, there were no serious assaults. However, all the assaults were alcohol-related.

## **8. Dates for Future Meetings**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Licensing Forum should be held on Thursday, 26 March 2020 at 10:00.

## **9. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Convener declared the meeting concluded at 10:15.