

Minute

Orkney Local Licensing Forum

Wednesday, 16 January 2019, 10:00.

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



Present

- Representatives of Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:
 - Angela Crawford.
 - Malcolm Stout.
- Representatives of Persons having functions relating to Health, Education or Social Work:
 - Katie Spence.
- Representatives of Persons Resident within the Forum's Area:
 - Barry Cockerham.
 - Bob Mackenzie.
- Representative of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland:
 - Chief Inspector Matthew Webb.
- Licensing Standards Officer:
 - David Brown.

Clerk

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Elaine Sinclair, Legal Clerk.

Observing

- Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board:
 - Norman Craigie, Barbara Foulkes and Duncan A Tullock.
- Police Scotland:
 - Sergeant Bruce Gray.

Apologies

- Representatives of Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:
 - Kelly-Marie McGuigan.
 - Jean Tulloch.

- Representatives of Persons having functions relating to Health, Education or Social Work:
 - Dr Louise Wilson.
- Representative of Persons Resident within the Forum's Area:
 - Andy McGinn.
- Representative of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland:
 - Inspector Keith Bendall.

Not Present

- Representative of Holders of Premises Licences and Personal Licences:
 - Brian Flett
- Representative of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

1. Appointment of Convener

The Committees Officer asked for nominations for Convener and, on the motion of Malcolm Stout, seconded by Angela Crawford, the Forum:

Resolved that Andrew McGinn be appointed Convener of the Licensing Forum.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

There had been previously circulated the draft Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 29 August 2018.

On the motion of David Brown, seconded by Bob Mackenzie, the Forum resolved to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Licensing Forum held on 29 August 2018.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minute of the previous Meeting held on 29 August 2018.

4. Note of Inquorate Meeting

There had been previously circulated the Note of the Inquorate Meeting held on 7 November 2018.

The Forum noted the Note of the Inquorate Meeting held on 7 November 2018.

5. Proposed Establishment of National Licensing Forum

There had been previously circulated correspondence from East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum regarding the proposed establishment of a national licensing forum.

David Brown confirmed that, following consultation with the Convener of the Orkney Local Licensing Forum, he had submitted a response to the questionnaire issued in respect of the proposal for a national licensing forum, advising of the concerns on how that forum

might be funded and the ability to travel to attend meetings. However, East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum had since confirmed that, due to the limited number of responses to the questionnaire and the lack of interest from other licensing forums at this time, it had decided not to pursue the matter any further.

6. Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

David Brown advised that the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 had now been enacted, which provided an advantage in future legislation, whereby it could be tailored in order that Orkney was not disadvantaged, as the Scottish Government now recognised that “one size fits all” was, at times, not advantageous to the island authorities.

7. Pubwatch

Angela Crawford provided a short update on the work of Pubwatch, including the appointment of a new Chair, Steven Groat. The festive season had been good, with no referrals to Pubwatch.

Chief Inspector Matthew Webb confirmed that the closer links between the Police and Pubwatch were welcomed.

8. Licensing Standards Officer

David Brown provided a short update on the work of the Licensing Standards Officers, including a quiet end to the season, with no complaints or concerns. Routine work continued, with the service up-to-date with business across Orkney. The service had a good rapport with businesses and there were no concerns.

9. Any Other Competent Business

Elaine Sinclair provided an update regarding personal licences, in that 120 holders had been written to directly, with responses from a small number. The Scottish Government was encouraging local authorities to send out reminders, therefore this month, the Licensing team would be writing to licence holders who were due for review in 2019.

Malcolm Stout referred to personal licence holder courses at the College booked in March, but had now been made known to Orkney Islands Council, only after the course.

Katie Spence advised of a small grant scheme of £5,000 which was available to private or statutory services, to reduce alcohol and/or drugs problems in Orkney. She also advised of the national Drug Strategy published by the Scottish Government and would provide the link to the Clerk, which could then be forwarded to all Forum members.

10. Dates for Future Meetings

It was noted that the following dates had been set for future meetings:

- 17 April 2019 at 10:00.
- 14 August 2019 at 10:00.
- 6 November 2019 at 10:00.
- 6 November 2019 at 11:00 – joint meeting with Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board.

11. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 10:20.