

Licensing Forum Minute

22 February 2018

Attendees – D. Merchant Licensing Manager Perth & Kinross Council
L. Cormack, Licensing Standards Officer, Perth & Kinross Council
S. Michie, Licensing Officer, Perth & Kinross Council
F. Burgerseed, On Sales representative – The Venue
M. Stuart, On Sales Representative – The Sandeman/CHX Committee
K. Ogilvie, Service Manager, Housing & Community Safety
C. Lamont, Service Manager, Tayside Substance and Misuse
I. Kinnear (Perth College UHI)
P. Honeysett ((Student Association, Perth College UHI)

1. Welcome and Introductions

On behalf of Perth and Kinross Council, D. Merchant welcomed everyone present to meeting of the second Perth and Kinross Licensing Forum.

Following on from the inaugural meeting K. Ogilvy had brought C. Lamont and I. Kinnear brought along P. Honeysett who were from Tayside Substance and Misuse and the Student Association respectively.

M. Stuart was also in attendance to represent the Licensing Trade.

M. Stuart asked for Police attendance at future meetings. D. Merchant explained that Police were invited and attended the inaugural meeting and were expected to attend today.

M. Stuart also asked if someone from off-sales should be in ask to attend. D. Merchant also explained that I. Patterson from the Co-operative had been invited and again had been expected to attend.

2. Apologies

No Apologies received.

3. Appointment of Chair of Forum

Nominations for Chair were sought.

D. Merchant nominated K. Ogilvy and seconded by C. Lamont

Nominations for Vice-Chair were also sought

K. Ogilvy nominated F. Burgerseed and seconded by I. Kinnear

4. Approval of Constitution

Perth & Kinross Licensing Forum Constitution was approved by all present.

5. Perth & Kinross Licensing Board – Policy Statement

D. Merchant asked the Forum if they had considered the Policy Statement and various sections were discussed.

5.11 Noise

L. Cormack explained the suspension of Section 5.11 following a Review of a Licensed Premises and that Statutory Noise Nuisance had been adopted meantime. Environmental Health would therefore deal with any noise issues relating to Licensed Premises.

5.14 Litter and Waste Management

L. Cormack gave a brief explanation that when premises licences are being considered there is often a local condition imposed regarding having a separate written policy for the management of litter and waste.

7.6 Premises offering significant entertainment in function rooms or subject to close down

L. Cormack explained what is involved with regards to close down policy and the ethos behind it is that close down separates function hours to that of social demand in that it allows the area to be clear before being re-opened as a function. Consideration was therefore being given by the Licensing Board to reduce the close down period from 60 minutes to 30 or even 15 minutes.

F. Burgerseed and M Stuart said that in their opinion the close down policy does not work and is unmanageable and regularly caused issues due to patrons not understanding the reasons why they are being asked to move or leave the premises only to come back in at a later time.

Both also mention that other local authority areas do not operate a close down.

F. Burgerseed suggested that a better more workable alternative would be to recommend the bar area be closed allowing patrons to remain on the premises.

K. Ogilvy along with other forum members did not understand the logic behind the policy and that it was not fit for purpose

K. Ogilvy suggested that the Forum recommend to the Licensing Board consider closing down their bar area for 15 minutes as opposed to moving people around or out of the premises.

Action: Forum

10.4 Member Clubs

L. Cormack explained that at present Member Club Constitution regularly allow for members to sign in up to 20 guests and that the Licensing Board were considering seeking to put a limit onto how many guest one member would be allowed to sign in. The Board therefore are looking to possibly build something into their Policy Statement that would then be incorporated into the Member Club Constitution restricting the number to a certain level decided by the Board.

It was acknowledged that no Member Clubs were represented at the Forum.

12.0 Special Issues – Pavement Cafes

Current Policy for Pavement Cafes is 11am-9pm

Lengthy discussion took place with regards to the time that alcohol can be consumed either with food or on its own whilst in the outside seating area of the premises..

M. Stuart believes that premises currently operating an outside area have proven to be a success and therefore an increase in time should be not present any issues.

K. Ogilvy said we should be encouraging people to sit outside.

Discussion also took place with regards to children and the times they are allowed on licences premises. M. Stuart and F. Burgerseed mentioned that children are very much involved in European countries eating out as a family and that we should be supporting this.

L. Cormack suggested that if premises wished to attract children then they should look at their operating plan and potential future proof their licence.

The general consensus around the table was that 9pm was too early and that in order to attract tourist to Perth the time should be increased to either 10pm or 11pm. L Cormack advised the group that they should consider the terms of pavement cafés and that food does require to be available whilst pavement café's are in operation.

Members agreed that 10pm would be recommended to the Licensing Board in order to encourage and attract additional tourist to the city of Perth given we have a number of high profile events throughout the year, the establishment of the Cultural Quarter and Perth Racecourse meeting.

Action: Forum

6. Any Other Business

M. Stuart asked if someone from the Off-Sales industry could be invited.

Action: D. Merchant

M. Stuart requested if the forum could be furnished with statistics relating to Anti-Social Behaviour now compared to say 5 years ago from Police Scotland

Action: Police Scotland

M. Stuart offered to bring along statistic from the Licensing Trade to the next meeting.

Action: M Stuart

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at the Venue on Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 2pm.