

STIRLING LOCAL LICENSING FORUM
TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 11.00am
VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
NOTE OF MEETING

Present:	
Stephanie Cameron	Licensing Team Leader/LSO Representative
Oliver Harding	NHS – Consultant in Public Health and representing ADP
Liam Livingston	Police Scotland
Theresa Marsili	Education Representative
Paul Smith (Chair)	Holder of premises and personal licences
In Attendance:	
Adrian Adolphus	Premises Licence Holder
Councillor Douglas Dodds	Vice Chair, District of Stirling Licensing Board
Ben MacCorquodale	Kilmadock Community Council
Islay Moore	Support Officer (Minute Taker)
Alison Swanson	Riverside Community Council
Keir Stevenson	Place Development Manager
Apologies:	
Councillor Danny Gibson	Chair, District of Stirling Licensing Board
Nick Manton	Communications Manager – Stirling University
Michael Grassom	Social Work Representative

LF190 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received as noted above.

LF191 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the Meeting of the Stirling Local Licensing Forum held on Tuesday 23 February 2021 was approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

LF192 MATTERS ARISING

LF186 – Education: It was noted that Members had been elected for the Scottish Youth Parliament however there was a full election planned for the end of October 2021/beginning of November 2021. For that reason youth members had not been invited to join the forum as the members may change following the election. Fifteen people had put themselves forward for election.

LF193 COVID-19

It was noted that hospitality had restarted and Covid-19 passports had been approved to start from October 2021. It was not clear what form hospitality would take and a form of relaxation had come into place for sporting grounds initiating spot checks however it was unclear if this would apply to night clubs. It was noted that there were flaws in the Covid-19 passport encouraging young people to be vaccinated and the inconsistency between requiring a passport to enter a 200 capacity night club and not requiring a passport for a 1000 capacity pub. The Chair had a meeting scheduled later today with Night Time Industry Association to discuss the Scottish Government on the introduction of the Covid-19 passport.

LF194 LICENSING TRENDS

Police Scotland advised that they were back to business as normal. There had been a Covid-19 outbreak in one premises and they had agreed to go on an intervention plan which had worked. The Licensing Standards Officer advised that premises were focused on bringing back customers and were engaging with the Licensing department. There had been a few noise complaints following reopening of premises which had been passed to Environmental Health for resolution.

LF195 ANNUAL FUNCTIONS

It was noted that costs were a higher in comparison to another Forum however could not be compared on a like for like basis. It would be useful to get a breakdown of the costs. The Chair would request this through the Licensing Team Leader. The trade had requested a reduction or removal of the annual licensing fee to the Licensing Board Members. Licensing Fees were there to ensure the service could run therefore the Board had agreed to no reduction in fees. The Board had wrote to the Covid-19 Recovery Working Group to consider support for fees. The Chair expressed his disappointment on behalf of the trade on the Boards decision.

LF196 ANNUAL FINANCIAL

The report was noted.

LF197 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS COMMENTS

Licensing Standards Officer (LSO)

It was noted that the Licensing Standards Officer had been checking premises ensuring that paperwork was completed and up to date. There had been a few situations where a personal licence had been revoked or staff training had not been carried out and the LSO was working with premises on that. Also dealing with complaints regarding noise following reopening of premises.

NHS

Viewing licencing applications and putting objections in where appropriate.

Police

There had been a huge increase in variations looking to diversify to survive. Continued to work with the Licensing team and Environmental Health Officer regarding any Covid-

19 breaches. There had been an intervention plan in place for a premises with poor Covid-19 management however that had been addressed resulting in a significant improvement.

ADP

There was a move to looking at alcohol related deaths in the same way as drug related deaths. There was a Suicide Prevention and Drug Related Death Coordinator in place whose remit may also extent to alcohol.

Education

The service had been extremely busy ensuring schools could function. There had been a lot of changes in terms of track and trace and when to isolate. There was a report written in the Summer regarding the detached outreach youth work project. The City centre had been an area for more action on disorder. The engagement with young people had been very productive. There were more young people out on the streets given there was less for them to do which had led to congregating in parks. Report to be circulated to Licensing Forum. **ACTION: Minute Taker**

It was noted that there had been an issue for the last few months with youths gathering at Laighills, Dunblane. The Police had been engaging and the situation reached a peak at the weekend with a lot of disorder. The change in weather may resolve the situation however require to note for next year. The service were aware of the problem and were looking at how to support the Police with the situation including how to dispatch detached youth workers to the area. The suggestion was made to work with Network Rail as they would have an idea of high number of youths gathering on trains headed to particular areas.

Social Services

There was no representative in attendance.

University of Stirling Students Union

There was no representative in attendance.

LF198 COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Riverside Community Council: The representative introduced herself and advised that she was interested to hear what the Licensing Forum was about and had no objections or comments to make.

Kilmadock Community Council: Had no points to raise.

LF199 AOB

There was no additional business.

LF200 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Stirling Local Licensing Forum would be held on Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 10am followed by a Joint meeting between Stirling Local Licensing

Forum and District of Stirling Licensing Board at 11.30am. It was hoped that the meetings would be held in person however unclear at present. Venue would be agreed closer to the date.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.