

STIRLING LOCAL LICENSING FORUM
TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 11 am
BRUCE ROOM, VIEWFORTH, STIRLING
NOTE OF MEETING

Present:	
Elaine Brown	Lead Officer, Clackmannanshire and Stirling ADP (from item LF123)
Gordon Dewar	Licensing Standards Officer
Michael Grassom	Service Manager – Children’s Services
Oliver Harding	NHS – Consultant in Public Health
Theresa Marsilli	Team Leader
Paul Smith	Member – Holder of premises and personal licences – Castle Leisure
In Attendance:	
Stephanie Cameron (Clerk)	Licensing Team Leader
Councillor Douglas Dodds	Vice Chair, District of Stirling Licensing Board
Amy McIver	Member of Public
Daniella Smith	Member of Public
John Watson	Callander Community Council
Islay Moore (Minute Taker)	Support Officer
Apologies:	
Thomas Fox	Holder of Personal Licence
Councillor Danny Gibson	Chair, District of Stirling Licensing Board
Nick Manton	Communications Manager – Stirling University
Lee Robb	Holder of Personal Licence
Douglas Ross	Licence Holder
Sanda Trenchard	Police Scotland

LF117 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received as noted above.

LF118 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Paul Smith volunteered to take on the role of Chairperson for the remainder of this Calendar year. All Licensing Forum Members present unanimously agreed to support Mr Smith in this role.

LF119 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the Meeting of the Stirling Local Licensing Forum held on Thursday 21 March 2019 was approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

LF120 MATTERS ARISING

Operation Steadfast – update noted below under Police Update.

Musical Events – the Community Council representative who raised this item at the previous meeting was not in attendance to give an update therefore this was deferred to the next meeting. **ACTION: IM**

LF121 LICENSING FORUM OBJECTIVES

The Chair officially welcomed Gordon Dewar to the meeting as the new Licensing Standards Officer.

The Chair advised that a previous attendee of the Licensing Forum, John McQue, passed away recently. The Licensing Forum recognised the work Mr McQue gave to the Forum over the years and acknowledged his passing.

The Licensing Standards Officer advised that 2 licence holders had come forward expressing an interest in joining the Licensing Forum. An application was requested to send to them. **ACTION: IM**

It was noted that Licensing Forum membership had to be well balanced and not become too trade centred therefore Council networking would be required to invite people to attend. There could be a role there for the Community Engagement Team to promote within Community Councils.

A copy of the current constitution was handed out to all Members.

Currently there were 13 Licensing Forum Members however the number included 2 vacancies.

It was important to promote the group to members of the community and in particular encourage young persons to attend. The invitation would be extended to young people at youth groups. **ACTION: TM**

There was a request to add the Constitution to the work plan for the next meeting of the Licensing Forum. **ACTION: IM**

LF122 LICENSING FORUM FUTURE MEETING DATES

The proposed future meeting dates were agreed and it was noted that a Chair would be required to be re-appointed at the February 2020 meeting.

LF123 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS COMMENTS

Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) Update

It was noted that Gordon Dewar had been in post since April 2019 and had qualified in June 2019. He had visited 190 premises to date to introduce himself as the new LSO and 15 complaints had come through. The complaints were regarding noise, neighbourly disputes/rubbish/litter and cigarettes. The LSO had planned absence approaching however Stephanie Cameron was still authorised as an LSO and would be able to step into the role during that time. Gordon confirmed that from his visits the majority of staff training records were all in order.

In terms of Personal licence renewals, around half that were due for renewal by 1 September 2019 had been renewed. No premises had been affected by Personal Licences lapsing.

Discussion took place on personal licences in terms of their expiry and this being inconsistent with premises licences which do not expire.

NHS Update

In response to questions the Chairperson advised that the new Licensing Policy was from 1 November 2018 – 1 November 2023 and overprovision had been declared in the town centre. There was no overprovision in any other area within the Stirling Council boundary. The overprovision does not prevent someone from applying for a licence.

The Clerk advised that even though the Policy ran the same course as the Councillor elections off sales could be reviewed before the next local election.

Police Update

Police advised that there was a high standard of premises in the Stirling area and no problems had been noted. Operation Steadfast had been a success in reducing anti-social behaviour and Fresher's week had been quiet. Proxy purchase had been tackled and there had not been a huge amount of detections. The Police Central Licensing Department were rolling this out. There would be a lot more literature/posters and Police would support with an action plan.

There was a new scheme called Girls Against Spiking that was being set up by 2 girls in Glasgow. The scheme was beer mats being placed over drinks to stop spiking of drinks. There had been no reported instances however there was a potential for this to happen. Some premises use the Be Aware campaign which is a straw placed in unattended drinks highlighting the opportunity that someone could have to spike the drink.

It was noted that 27 exclusion orders had been requested this year.

Education Update

Operation Steadfast had worked with street pastors and had been a success. This included co-ordinated pastors as part of the solution. Two teams were out on a Thursday/Friday and a Saturday.

The ADP representative joined the meeting at this point.

Social Services Update

There was no update

ADP Update

There were plans to reinstate Safebase over the festive period however this would depend on finances and staffing. It was noted that there were no taxi Marshalls in place during Fresher's week and it would be useful to have stewarding/Marshalling during the festive period. It would be useful to have a list of events throughout the year for the Marshalls. It was noted that Halloween was the biggest event of the year and should be included in the list. The Clerk would feed this back to the Project Officer, Fiona Buchanan. **ACTION: Clerk**

Stirling University Update

There was no update.

LF124 AOB

Licensing Trends

Licensing Trends was requested to be added to the next meeting Agenda. **ACTION: IM**

Nightclubs

It was noted that there had been a trend for illegal nightclubs to be operating in Glasgow. Discussion took place on the trend and it was noted that there were none operating in the Stirling area.

Fresher's Week

It was noted that Fresher's week had been busy and incident free. The week brought security teams together and refreshed the emergency procedure.

Next Meeting of the Stirling Licensing Forum

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 10 October 2019 at 2pm in the Wallace Room, Old Viewforth, Stirling, FK8 2ET.

The meeting closed at 11.50am