

Minute of meeting of the **ANGUS LOCAL LICENSING FORUM** held in Training Room C, Angus House, Forfar on Monday 25 February 2019 at 10.15am.

**Present:** HOLDERS OF PREMISES LICENCES & PERSONAL LICENCES  
SHEENA COCHRANE  
GRAEME STRACHAN

RESIDENTS  
MICHAEL GORMLEY (SUB FOR ANGIE MERRILEES)

HEALTH  
LAURA OGILVY, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, ANGUS ALCOHOL & DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

POLICE  
Sgt RYAN MACDONALD  
PC LEIGHANN GREGGE

ANGUS LICENSING BOARD MEMBERS  
COUNCILLOR MOORE

**Also Present:** FIONA ANDERSON, Committee Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Bruce Sheridan, holder of a Personal Licence, Angie Merrilees, Resident, and Councillor Fotheringham.

Sheena Cochrane, in the Chair

## 1. **WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Bruce Sheridan, a personal licence holder had been appointed to the membership of the Angus Local Licensing Forum. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the meeting due to a close family bereavement.

## 2. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted and approved, as a correct record, the minute of meeting of the Angus Local Licensing Forum of 28 May 2018.

## 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

### (a) **NATIONAL FORUM QUESTIONNAIRE**

With reference to Article 3 (a) of the minute of the Forum of 28 May 2018, it was noted that following a further consultation exercise with Councils and MSP's very few responses had been received and accordingly East Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum agreed that due to the lack of interest from other Licensing Forums at this time, not to pursue this matter further.

The members expressed their disappointment at this decision.

## 4. **LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT**

In the absence of an LSO, the Clerk reported that Daniel Coleman had been appointed to the post of LSO and was due to start in April 2019. Concern was expressed from members of the Forum that the licensing section was very short staffed and that people's livelihoods were in danger due to the large number of Personal licences requiring to be renewed at the same time.

Discussion took place on the suggestion of setting up a Service Level Agreement with Dundee City Council to allow LSO's to help neighbouring authorities in a time of need. The Clerk advised that this would be something that the Council would have to agree before any prospective partnership could take place and at present there were no plans for this to happen.

## **5. ANY ISSUES FROM ANGUS ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP**

Laura gave an update and advised that the Scottish Government had produced a strategy review regarding the Alcohol Framework 2018 – Preventing Harm – next steps on changing our relationship with alcohol with the three key themes being:- reducing consumption; positive attitudes; and supporting families and communities.

Laura circulated a copy of the eight key action points relevant to the ALLF which included a review of the impact of Minimum Unit Pricing which would be carried out after May 2020. There would also be scoping for research into online and telephone sales which was becoming more popular with consumers.

It was noted that there would be a promotion of the CMO's low-risk alcohol guidelines and the National Campaign was to be launched on 11 March 2019 and posters and other resources would be made available. It was agreed that the Police would help distribute the posters etc. during visits to licensing establishments.

Following some discussion, the members noted the position.

## **6. POLICING ISSUES**

Sergeant Ryan MacDonald, Police Scotland address the Forum and advised them that he had now been in post for 6 months and was very keen to take a more pro-active approach with licence holders and help them address any minor issues before they became a major issues.

He advised that he was delighted that there were now delegated powers for dealing with suspension of licences as this would help accelerate the process rather than waiting on a meeting being convened.

The annual Chief Constable Report was currently being prepared and would be submitted to the Board and Forum in due course. He advised that although it was a standard report it would report on specific issues within Angus.

He advised that he would be happy to meet with Officers, Board members and Forum members to discuss any issues that they may have. Graeme advised that he would find it helpful to receive number of premises monitored and reasons from Police Scotland as this could be helpful for the pub watch group.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant MacDonald for his report.

## **7. ANGUS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES**

There was submitted and noted the minutes of meetings of the Angus Licensing Board of 1 November 2018 and 10 January 2019.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Graeme advised that it would be helpful if the joint meeting held in October/November with Board members be held at 10am before the Angus Licensing Board meeting as this would allow the members of the Forum to leave following the joint meeting or stay if they wished and attend the Board meeting. The Clerk advised that she would discuss this further with Board members and report back.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would take place on Monday 3 June 2019.