

Minute of meeting of the **ANGUS LOCAL LICENSING FORUM** held remotely on Monday 28 February 2022 at 10am.

**Present:** HOLDERS OF PREMISES LICENCES & PERSONAL LICENCES  
SHEENA COCHRANE  
BRUCE SHERIDAN

RESIDENTS

ANGUS COUNCIL  
NICKY CORLETT, LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER  
JENNIFER BURNS, SOLICITOR

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

POLICE  
CONSTABLE THOMSON-CRAIG

ANGUS LICENSING BOARD MEMBERS  
COUNCILLOR MOORE

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

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Graeme Strachan, Councillor Fotheringham and Tina Magson.

Sheena Cochrane, in the Chair

**1. WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Jennifer Burns, Solicitor who had joined the licensing team.

**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 20 September 2021.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**4. ANY ISSUES FROM ANGUS ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP**

Laura addressed members and advised that the Drug and Alcohol Information System (DAISy) had now been implemented for Tayside. It was noted that this was a national database developed to collect drug and alcohol referrals, waiting times and outcome information from staff delivering specialist drug and alcohol interventions.

The objectives of developing a single system were to enhance the quality and completeness of the data available on treatment for problematic drug and alcohol use while providing a more user-friendly means of data entry required by staff working in ADPs and specialist treatment services.

DAISy also gathered key demographic and outcome data on people who engage with drug/alcohol treatment services. It enabled a better understanding of the impact of drug/alcohol treatment services at both a local and national level and consequently would:

- inform national policy and practice development; and
- provide timely information to support local service delivery, improvement and planning.

Laura advised that there had been a significant increase in alcohol referrals during the pandemic and research into this issue was currently being carried out. A new ABI co-ordinator was now in post and a five-year plan was being worked on to tackle drugs deaths. She advised that they were to get more staff on the front line to deal with these issues.

Following some discussion, the members noted the position.

#### **5. LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT**

Nicky Corletto, LSO provided an update on the work of the Board and she advised that it was hoped that she would soon commence face to face visits for licensed premises. She advised the members that with regards Occasional licences, the Angus policy states that applicants could not submit more than 4 Occasional Licence applications, without being expected by the Board to submit a premises licence or major variation application but that it was now the case that the Board would need to accept more Occasional applications, in line with the legislation.

Jennifer advised that she had not had the opportunity to fully review the relevant court case but that the Board should not now go outwith the bounds of the legislation which places no limit on the number of such Occasional applications.

#### **6. UPDATE FROM POLICE SCOTLAND ON LICENSING ISSUES**

Constable Thomson-Craig addressed the Forum and advised that they were still carrying out regular visits to premises and she had regular updates with Nicky, LSO over teams calls.

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of the Forum of 20 September 2021, (Ask Angela Campaign) it was noted that Sheena and Nicky had attended the By Stander training which they found very useful. Constable Thomson-Craig advised that the training, which was open to all was about raising awareness and it was hoped that more training would be offered soon. Future dates to be given.

#### **7. AOCB**

Cllr Moore advise members that this was his last meeting of the Forum as he was not standing for re-election in the forthcoming Local Council Elections on 5 May 2022. The Chairman thanked him for all his contributions to the work of the Forum over the last 5 years.

It was noted that Angie Merrilees had resigned from the Forum as she no longer worked for CJ Lang. It was hoped that her replacement, Rachel Taylor would take up a place on the Forum.

#### **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would be held on Monday 13 June 2022.