

Minute of meeting of the **ANGUS LOCAL LICENSING FORUM** held remotely on Monday 4 July 2022 at 10am.

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

RESIDENTS

ANGUS COUNCIL
JENNIFER BURNS, SOLICITOR

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

POLICE SCOTLAND
CONSTABLE SMITH

ANGUS LICENSING BOARD MEMBERS
COUNCILLOR DURNO

Also Present: FIONA ANDERSON, Committee Officer

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Bruce Sheridan and Nicky Corletto, LSO.

Sheena Cochrane, in the Chair

The Clerk took the Chair for item 1(i).

1. MEMBERSHIP

(i) Membership of the Forum and Appointment of Chair.

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Council on 26 May 2022, (Report 131/22), it was noted that following the local Government Election on 5 May 2022, the Council had resolved to approve the continued membership of the Forum members.

The Forum members unanimously agreed that Sheena Cochrane be appointed Chair of the Angus Local Licensing Forum.

(ii) Membership of the Angus Licensing Board

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Council on 26 May 2022, (Report 131/22), it was noted that the Council had resolved to appoint the following ten Councillors to the Board: -

Councillors Braes, Clark, Durno, Fairweather, Fotheringham, Greig, Melville, Gavin Nicol, Scott and Whiteside.

It was also noted that Councillors Clark and Fairweather had since resigned from the Board and replacement Board members would be appointed at the Council meeting on 30 June 2022.

Councillor Dunro was appointed Convener at the Board meeting on 9 June 2022.

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 February 2022.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

4. ANY ISSUES FROM ANGUS ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

Laura addressed members and advised that drugs referrals had increased and there were now a lot more cases where cocaine was instrumental along with alcohol. She advised that online help was now available through the "Breaking Free" online programme which helped users break free from substance use.

Breaking free was a confidential recovery support programme that users could access online whenever they needed it and this online programme allowed users to work on their recovery at their own pace and gave them positive coping skills that were proven to work. The forum members gave their backing to this programme.

Following some discussion, the members noted the position.

5. LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT

In the absence of the LSO, Jennifer Burns, Solicitor provided a brief update on the work of the Board and advised that Section 6 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act") obliged every Licensing Board, before the beginning of each licensing policy period, to publish a statement of their policy with respect to the exercise of their functions under the Act during that period.

The "licensing policy period" commenced 18 months after an ordinary election of councillors for local government areas. In preparing its new Statement of Licensing Policy, the Board must ensure that the policy stated in the statement sought to promote the licensing objectives. In addition, the Board must consult with members of the Angus Local Licensing Forum.

The members noted that the next licensing policy period commenced on 6 November 2023 unless the Board determined an earlier date in terms of Section 6 (3ZA) of the Act.

6. UPDATE FROM POLICE SCOTLAND ON LICENSING ISSUES

Constable Smith addressed the Forum and advised that they were still carrying out regular visits to premises and they had regular updates with the LSO and that further sessions on By Stander training would take place in the future. He also advised that a campaign to tackle underage drinking and youth disorder had been launched across Scotland. The "It'll Cost You!" programme was a collaboration between Police Scotland, local authorities and alcohol producers and retailers and aimed to raise awareness of the damaging effects and criminal nature of buying alcohol for under 18 year olds.

He also advised that Police Scotland would be happy to assist in any way to the "Breaking Free" programme.

The Chair thanked him for his update and the members noted the position.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would be the Joint meeting with Angus Licensing Board members.