

Committee Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Licensing Forum

Edinburgh, 24 October 2011

Present:-

Licence Holders and Persons with Relevant Interest – John Loudon (The Law Society of Scotland) (Convener), David A Gould (Belhaven Pubs), Rosaleen Harley (Individual Licensee), John G Murphy (Scottish Beer and Pub Association) and Bill Strachan (Scottish Licensed Trade Association).

Health, Education and Social Work – Jim Sherval (NHS Lothian).

Residents – Samuel Piacentini (Old Town Community Council) and Roland Reid (Leith Central Community Council substituting for Stuart Blaik).

Young Persons – Michael Baron.

Lothian and Borders Police – Inspector Gordon Hunter.

Licensing Standards Officer – Martin Rich

1 Minute of Meeting of 6 September 2011

Decision

To approve the minute of the meeting of 6 September 2011 as a correct record.

2 Conference Update

An update was provided by Jim Sherval on the National Licensing Conference 2011 detailing the presenters and a summary of subject matter.

Decision

To note the update.

3 Re-thinking Alcohol Licensing

Alcohol Focus Scotland and Scottish Action on Alcohol Problems had produced a report considering the operation of Scotland's licensed system and how it could more effectively regulate the availability of alcohol and reduce high levels of alcohol related harm.

Decision

To note the update.

4 Proposed Youth Event

Decision

To note that Michael Baron would arrange a meeting before the end of the year with a view to organising the Licensing Forum youth event.

5 Items for Discussion with Licensing Board

(a) Items Raised by John Murphy

Decision

- 1) To note that not all recommendations for the Board were relevant to the Board or within their power.
- 2) To note that they would be submitted to the joint meeting for discussion and the Board's consideration.

(b) Appointment of the Forum

The Forum discussed the upcoming re-appointment of the Licensing Forum and the different mix of members needed to make the Forum more representative and successful having proper regard to the statutory requirements for membership.

Decision

To request that the Clerk of the Forum produce a proposed structure for the Forum with details of the Forum's appointment process for consideration at the meeting of the Forum in January with a view to making recommendations to the Council.

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6 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 16 January 2012 at 10.00 am in the City Chambers.