

Licensing Forum

19 January 2016 14.00pm

Dunedin Room, City Chambers

Present: Rosaleen Harley (RH) (Convenor), John Loudon (JL) (Former Convenor), John Lee, Norman Tinlin, Peter Swanson (PS), John Murphy, Chris Wigglesworth (CW), Dennis Williams (DW), Jim Sherval, Penny Richardson (PR), Bridget Stevens (BS), Graeme Arnott, Marshall Bain, Kenneth Fairgrieve (KF), Urte Macikene (UM).

In attendance: Nicholas Fraser (NF), Isla Burton (IB), Cllr Chas Booth (CB), Sgt John Young (JY)

Apologies: Sam Piacentini, Robin Morris, Alison Magill, James Nicholson, Inspector Dianne Bruce

Agenda

1. **Apologies** - Please see above. Forum also noted that Alison Magill has tendered her resignation to the Forum. The Forum expressed its thanks and best wishes for the future.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – PR raised issues with wording of previous minutes, in particular that the New Town & Broughton CC do not oppose live music but ask that it be implemented properly. PR wanted to raise the low number of noise complaints with LSOs to report on figures. BS asked whether the MIA working group could be formed. CB stated that his proposal of a working group was to bring CCs and MIA group together. JL recommended waiting until Board issue consultation, with NF confirming that Board will consult if a change to policy is proposed. NF also stated that there was no guarantee how wide Board consultation would be. JL confirmed that Board would have to explain itself if no consultation occurs.
3. **Appointment of Convenor** – JL explained that his tenure as Convenor had finished and asked not to be considered for re-election as he wished to withdraw from Forum. JL will however make himself available if required by Andrew Mitchell. JL recommended RH as Convenor. RH gave description of her background and experience on Forum. DW seconded and appointment was agreed.
4. **Re-appointment to Forum** – PR explained that she knows of interested parties in available positions West & East CCs. Will be considered in the coming year. PR to send details of interested party to IB.
5. **Matters Arising** – Andrew Mitchell to consider how changes to locality plans will affect representation.

6. **Standing Item – Report from Licensing Inspector continued from last meeting** – JY gave an update on police report on behalf of Inspector Bruce. JY also intimated that he would be able to get any further information as and when required.
7. **Thoughts for what the Forum might consider in 2016** – JY asked Forum to consider meeting the Community Alcohol Partnership from Portobello, which was agreed. DW asked Forum to look at over provision. CW seconded this and also asked Forum to look at Areas of Special Concern and off-sales. JS asked when Forum will need input from NHS regarding over provision. RH stated policy is due to be reviewed this November, however noted that new Air Weapons & Licensing (Scotland) Act commencement orders may affect this. NF confirmed this. UM asked Forum to consider sexual harassment in licensed premises. PS asked that Forum consider over provision and issue of BYOB premises. JL stated that this would be difficult and would have to approach local MSP. JS stated H&S Partnership can look at issue. NT raised issue of Board minutes not being up-to date. NF confirmed he would ask for this to be sorted. JS raised issues of over provision, alcohol impact on Edinburgh and protection of children – will liaise with IB. PR asked for Forum to have a review of its work in 2015 and construction of over provision maps which show complaints and emergency services calls. PR asked for number of applications, how many were on & off sales and how many are approved to be put on website. NF confirmed this was being addressed. PR asked for copies of applications to be placed online. NF confirmed this was being considered but certain issues would need to be addressed. BS asked for over-provision to be considered. MB asked for Forum to consider off sales and in particular off sales from supermarket chains. JL said that he had been impressed with the Safezone Bus and hoped that more could be done to support it.
8. **AOCB** – NF reported on number of Occasional applications over festive period. 67 granted with 6 late and late reasons explained. NF also summarised conditions that were attached to grant of a licence.
9. **DONM** – Wednesday, 13th April 2016 at 10am (Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers).