# Minutes for East Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum Meeting held on 6 May 2009 at Tom Johnston House, Kirkintilloch

#### **Sederunt:**

Dominic Notarangelo (Chair), Bishopbriggs Community Council, Neil Miller Licensing Standards Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council Karen Murray, East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership Sandra Cairney, East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership Anne Margaret Black, East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership

Rahul Randev, Messrs Randev (Visram Properties)
Patrick Friel, Milton of Campsie Community Council
Tom Friel, Milton of Campsie Community Council
Florence Cairney, Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare
John Donnelly, Addictions, East Dunbartonshire Council
Stephen Young, Chase Inn, Kirkintilloch
Lynne McGuire, The Wine Seller
Superintendent John Duff, Strathclyde Police
Sergeant Jim McGinty, Licensing Sergeant, Strathclyde Police
Andy Martin, East Dunbartonshire Council

### Apologies:

Keith Small, Bearsden North Community Council Jackie Gallagher, East Dunbartonshire Community Support

## **Licensing Board Members:**

Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Eric Gotts, Councillor John Dempsey, Councillor John Jamieson, Councillor Gordon Low, Councillor Anne Jarvis, and Alistair Crighton Clerk to the Board.

Apologies: Councillor Rhondda Geekie,

## I. Group Introductions:

Dominic Notarangelo welcomed everybody, especially the members of East Dunbartonshire Council's Licensing Board. He asked everybody to introduce themselves and where they come from in the community.

### 2. Any items arising from minutes of 25 February 2009

Neil Miller told everybody that an explanation of who the Licensing Forum is, the minutes of the meeting, the names of its members and a brief outline of what the Forum does is now posted on East Dunbartonshire's website. A contact list and the minutes were also posted out to each member after the last meeting.

3. A presentation form the East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership re-Health and Alcohol

This presentation was given by Karen Murray, Anne Margaret Black and Sandra Cairney.

It highlighted the statistics and trends that alcohol creates for a wide range of people, e.g. children, mental health patients, families. See copy of presentation atteached.

Questions and answers then followed.

4. Open Forum with East Dunbartonshire Council's Licensing Board

Councillor Dempsey said that he would hand us over to Alistair Crighton, who is the Legal Adviser to the East Dunbartonshire Licensing Board and advises them as such.

The new act comes into being on 1/9/09 and the board is already putting applications through the system which will be affected by it. Councillor Dempsey said that this would be a learning curve for all and that the board would interact with the Forum at least once a year but more if needed. All input would be welcome.

There was then a question and answer session, some of the matters raised were :-

How did the Board view visiting Licensed Premises?

What are their views on raising the purchase age for alcohol to 21 within the EDC area?

Have they looked at any of the new legislation?

Superintendent Duff said that there were certain changes needed in some of the Local by-laws.

### 5. A.O.C.B.

None

## 6. Date of Next Meeting

Venue and date to be confirmed in due course. Neil said he would contact people who offered venues.