

Minutes for East Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum Meeting held on 20 September 2010 at Eagle Lodge, Hilton Road, Bishopbriggs

Sederunt:

Dominic Notarangelo (Chair), Bishopbriggs Community Council,
Neil Miller Licensing Standards Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council
Karen Murray, East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership
Rahul Randev, Messrs Randev (Visram Properties)
Florence Cairney, Kirkintilloch Miners Welfare
Chief Inspector Brian McNulty, Strathclyde Police
Stephen Young, Chase Inn, Kirkintilloch
Lynne McGuire, The Wine Seller
Keith Small, Bearsden North Community Council
Dr Catherine Chiang,
Lynsay Haglington, East Dunbartonshire Council, Resource Worker

Apologies :

Michael Murphy, Licensing Standards Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council
Jackie Gallacher, East Dunbartonshire Council, Young Persons Worker

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Dominic Notarangelo welcomed everybody,

2. Any items arising from minutes of 22 April 2010

East Dunbartonshire Council's Licensing Board has agreed to support the Forum with regards to getting a ban on Supermarket Promotions, but will not support the Forum in their stance against minimum pricing.

3. Licensing update Local & National – Neil Miller

Scottish Parliament are looking into promotions offered by supermarkets (e.g. Meal deals including a free bottle of wine), with a view to stopping them.

Minimum pricing, there is much discussion within the Scottish Government on the benefit of this other than providing a financial windfall to retailers it is doubtful whether this proposal will carry sufficient support for it to be enacted.

Locally, 2 new premises have been granted licences in Bearsden and Milngavie. 2 premises have closed in Kirkintilloch, Liquor Direct (Licence revoked) and Victoria Wine (receivership).

Kings Lodge has had their Licence suspended for 9 months

4. Training Resource for Forum Members – Neil Miller

A DVD training resource for Forum members has been received devised by Alcohol Focus Scotland. This can be made available by Neil Miller to anyone wishing same.

It was discussed that the Licensing Board could be opened up to people from the NHS or Police, who have knowledge and expertise in this area also.

5. Discussion on EDC Licensing Policy due for renewal December 2010

The statement of policy issued by East Dunbartonshire Council due for renewal in December 2010 was handed out to each person attending.

It was decided that a workshop meeting would be held on the 30th November to allow members of the Forum to read the Statement of Licensing Policy issued by East Dunbartonshire Council and any comments or issues could be raised then.

6. Presentation by Dr Catherine Chiang –

Handouts were given and a slide show presented on the Overprovision Model, statistics relating to the Crime figures in relation to the number of Alcohol selling premises in the different areas within East Dunbartonshire.

7. A.O.C.B.

Keith small brought up the subject of the licence that was granted to RS McColl's in Bearsden, he produced a lengthy document which had been submitted to the Licensing Board with objections and reasons for not granting this licence, but it was granted. It was stated that overprovision of premises in the area should have been taken into account.

Keith also produced leaflets and handouts which were given to his son who is starting University this year, all alcohol related. Offers and enticements to students to frequent these places.

Rahul Randev mentioned that the Student's Union offers alcohol at very reduced rates and asked if this could be banned in some way.

Dominic suggested writing to the Licensing Board to see if they can raise it with Glasgow City Council, probably would be better to contact Central Government.

It has come to our notice that sadly, Patrick Friel has passed away, we wish to offer our condolences and as a member of the Licensing Forum he will be greatly missed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th November, 2010 at 9.30am venue to be decided