

Minutes for East Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum Meeting held on 10 December 2009 at Kirkintilloch Police Station, Southbank Dr Kirkintilloch

Sederunt:

**Dominic Notarangelo (Chair), Bishopbriggs Community Council,
Neil Miller Licensing Standards Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council
Michael Murphy Licensing Standards Officer, East Dunbartonshire
Council
Karen Murray, 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
Stephen Young, Chase Inn, Kirkintilloch
Lynne McGuire, The Wine Seller
Superintendent John Duff, Strathclyde Police
Sergeant Jim McGinty, Licensing Sergeant, Strathclyde Police
Simon Reilly, East Dunbartonshire Council
Keith Small, Bearsden North Community Council
Lynn Adams, Scottish Licensing Trade Association**

Apologies :

**Jackie Gallagher, East Dunbartonshire Community Support
Bill Reside, East Dunbartonshire Council, Youth Development
Worker
John Donnelly, Addictions, East Dunbartonshire Council**

1. *Group Introductions:*

Dominic Notarangelo welcomed everybody, and asked that they introduced themselves to let the guest speaker Lynn Adams, Scottish Licensing Trade, know who each person was.

2. *Any items arising from minutes of 6 May 2009*

Keith Small asked that a copy of the presentation given by the East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership re-Health and Alcohol could be sent to him. This will be done.

3. *National License Officer Request for Info of Forum Members*

Neil Miller informed the Forum that he had received a letter from the National Licensing Officer requesting the individual email addresses of each member of the forum, Neil wanted to ask if everybody was happy with this as some of the email addresses are private and there is an email address for contacting the forum on the East Dunbartonshire Council website and it also lists the members and has the minutes of the meetings published. It was agreed to just pass on the website contact email address rather than give out individuals addresses.

4. *Update on Implementation of Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005*

Neil Miller told the forum that Premises licensing was being brought up for review. One particular premises in Kirkintilloch has had their License revoked due to underage selling twice in the one day. The premises was closed and all alcohol taken from the premises immediately, this has reverberated across other councils and shows that the Licensing Board will take action when needed. The Personal Licence will also be reviewed so that the holder cannot just go to another premises and continue trading. There will be the right to appeal.

5. *Discussion on Alcohol Promotions – Pub vs Off Sales –Question by Rahul Randev, Oregano*

The question was asked as to why Pubs, Clubs and Off Sales are not allowed to promote drink offers such as Doubles for 50p more when the supermarkets are allowed to sell drink as a loss leader e.g. cans of lager at 25p a can. The Licensing (Scotland) Act is not specific, it talks about measures and the Legal System would argue that measures implies pub measures sold over the bar and not cans or bottles. This appears to be a loop hole which is being looked at but will not come into being for a while. It was agreed after much discussion that a letter would be drafted by Neil Miller on behalf of the Forum, stating that they would back the Licensing Board challenging the Supermarkets legally to try to enforce this issue. Also the letter would state that we would support the idea of minimum pricing of alcohol.

6. *Speaker – Lynn Adams from Scottish Licensing Trade Association*

Lynn Adams gave a short presentation informing the Forum of the background to the Licensing Trade Association and how she became a member. She informed us of their role in the Licensing Trade and how they are interacting with the Government with regards to the new Licensing Laws

7. *Update on Outdoor Drinking Legislation (regarding open container)*

Superintendent John Duff informed the Forum that the board has been contacted with regards to drinking from an open container in public, a petition will go before the Board and then go to Scottish Government for implementing. Matter is progressing.

8. A.O.C.B.

Keith Small asked the Licensing Standards Officer if the Council had a policy on Extension of Hours being granted to premises. He was informed that each case is assessed but in general most places are not allowed out of core hours.

Superintendent John Duff informed the Forum that in the run up to Christmas the police are promoting a Safer Streets Campaign, this involves more patrols and checks being carried out. A booklet will be issued to Licensees to highlight their responsibilities to the public.

9. *Date of Next Meeting*

Venue and date to be confirmed in due course. Neil said he would contact people who offered venues. Neil informed us that representatives from the supermarkets will be attending the next meeting.