

Minutes for East Dunbartonshire Licensing Forum Meeting held on 25 February 2009 at Enterprise House, Training room 2

Sederunt:

**Dominic Notarangelo (Chair), Bishopbriggs Community Council,
Neil Miller Licensing Standards Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council
Karen Murray, East Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership
Keith Small, Bearsden North Community Council
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**

***Apologies :* Andy Martin, East Dunbartonshire Council**

1. Group Introductions:

**Neil introduced Dominic Notarangelo, as Chair of the Meeting
This was followed by going round the table and each person
introducing themselves and where they come from in the
community.**

2. Licensing Standards Update on Forum, Licensing Standards Functions

**Forum to meet 4 times a year, venues and therefore costs will be
shared. Superintendent John Duff, Karen Murray and Rahul Randev
all offered conference facilities. The next forum will have the
Licensing Board in attendance and an input from Karen Murray.**

**3. *Dominic Notarangelo*
(2008 Licensing Conference)**

Dominic attended the 2008 Licensing Conference at Aviemore and gave a short update on the various discussions that took place. Of note a professional body in relation to Licensing Standards Officers was proposed and as of this meeting is still in its inception.

Dominic also commented on recent statistical evidence showing the dramatic increase in alcohol consumption in Scotland from the 1990's on.

**4. *Superintendent John Duff /Sergeant Jim McGinty*
(Policing EDC The Issues)**

Superintendent Duff initially described his role in relation to the policing of East Dunbartonshire Council area and the various responsibilities this entails. He there after gave a detailed picture of current crime statistics in the area which showed a decrease of 4% categories 1-4 and 5% respectively in categories 5-7.

Officers are encouraged to visit licensed premises and resources are targeted to patrol identified problem areas to prevent and detect crime occurring.

Of note some 31 premises in the EDC area have been subject to Test Purchasing of which one has failed.

Sergeant McGinty thereafter described in some detail the efforts the police make in EDC's 205 licensed premises to educate , resolve issues and ensure compliance in relation to all licensing matters.

He described the success of a licensed trade seminar in 2007 and the possibility of holding such an event again.

5. *Open Forum*

Keith Small asked if copies of minutes could be sent to Community Councils. Neil Miller explained the minutes of all forum meetings would be available on the Council website in the near future.

Neil Miller will send out via email to all Forum members a copy of East Dunbartonshire Council's Licensing Policy, contact details of all Forum members and the Scottish Government Information Bulletin on the Licensing Forum.

6. A.O.C.B.

Patrick Friel suggested an input on Anti Social Behaviour in relation to its correlation with alcohol.

7. *Date of Next Meeting*

Venue and date to be confirmed in due course.