



**East Lothian
Council**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EAST LOTHIAN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM**

Tuesday 6 June 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

Forum Members Present:

George Hood (Chair)
PC Heather Bowsher (Police Scotland)
John Thayers (MELDAP)
Jim Shervaz (NHS)
Christine O'Brien (PLH)
Rudi Fruzynski (LSO)

Council Officials Present:

None

Minute Secretary:

Christine O'Brien

Visitors Present:

Connie Cunningham (host, Pine Marten)

Apologies:

Jim Goodfellow (CLLR)
Richard Ross (RASP)
Kirstie MacNeil (ELC)
Elizabeth Oldcorn (NHS Lothian)
Stuart Baxter

1. Election of Officers for the year 2017/2018;

It was agreed George Hood and Christine O'Brien will remain in post.

Discussion regarding Admin Support re funding, Cllr Goodfellow was looking into this as agreed at March 2017 meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15th March 2017

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Consultation Discussion:

Rudi highlight the requirements for a Licencing Board Policy Group regarding the New Statement of Licencing Policy.

George Hood to organise a working group to have representation put forward for the Forum regarding the New Statement of Licencing Policy.

Over Provision

Discussion regarding the over provision policy within the licensing statement policy, the Forum feels that this policy is inadequate for its purpose. As a Forum we feel there is no Guidance on over provision and that the Scottish Government should treat this as a priority.

Shaun McCollum the New Alcohol Focus Representative will attend the next meeting.

4. Licensing Standards Officer Report

Rudi Fruzynski reported:

Due to Local Elections there will be no Licencing board meetings held until 22 June 2017.

Amendments to the Alcohol Licencing/Air Weapons Law went live on the 15 May 2017; these changes can be found on East Lothian Licencing Forum website.

Rudi remarked that in trying to promote the East Lothian Licencing Forum by taking it out into the county to different locations over the last 12 months it has led to no added attendance.

Minimum pricing hearing will be held at the Court of Session on 17 July 2017 but decision will take 2 – 3 months to be published.

Cockenzie & Port Seton Bowling Club

Review of licence but was subsequently withdrawn.

Lidl, Prestonpans

Increase in Alcohol Sales Display for the period of 1 December to 2 January each year.

Decision

Granted

North Berwick Golf Club.

Major Variation to premises licence.

Decision

Granted

Broxmouth House, Dunbar

Applied for 9 Occasion Licence Applications plus a further 2.

Decision

Granted

New Licensing Board appointed (includes 1 day mandatory training plus exam):

Cllr Fiona Dugdale
Cllr Jim Goodfellow
Cllr Colin McGinn
Cllr John McMillian
Cllr Lachlan Bruce
Cllr Jane Henderson
(+ 2 SNP places still to be filled)

5. Police Report

PC Heather Bowsher reported that there were no problems or any concerns and all areas were quiet.

Best Bar None Awards:

9 Gold
2 Silver
3 Bronze

PC Allan Paul runs Best Bar None.

2 reviews asked for on Personal Licences: one for Drink Driving and one handed in before next board meeting.

Discussion on Entertainment licence for indoor sports. Clarification is required of what is classed as an indoor sport.

Festive Period

Police have asked that the blanket extension of festive hours be cancelled and these must be applied for individually.

Discussion around new policy statement and the items that Police Scotland would like amended:

Premises licensing being transferred within 28 day.

BYOB event to be added to the policy Statement.

PC Bowsher will feed into the Board and Forum discussions around the new Licensing Statement.

7. Rasp Report

No Representation.

8. A.O.B.

None.

Date of next Meeting-

The next meeting of the East Lothian Licensing Forum will be held at **10.00am on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh.**