

MORAY LICENSING FORUM MEETING
29 November 2016

Present: Peter Adamson – Chair (PA); David Owen (DO); Iain Catto (IC); Michael Reid (MR); Stuart Lamberton (SL); Ken Asher (KA); Freya Macdonald – Minutes (FM).

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Laura Sutherland (LS); Gavin Jardine (GJ); Graham Forbes (GF); Paul Johnson (PJ); Karen Sievewright (KS); Sean Hoath (SH)</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as accurate.</p> <p>LS to circulate report of over-provision when an e-copy is available.</p> <p>PJ to circulate Moray Strategy Delivery Plan and Moray Drug and Alcohol Plan.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PJ</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
4	<p>Appointment of Vice-Convenor</p> <p>KA declined the offer of becoming Vice-Convenor as he is planning on retiring next year.</p> <p>A request for a volunteer to become Vice-Convenor will go out to all members of the Forum.</p>	
5	<p>Drug and Alcohol Partnership</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting when PJ is present.</p>	
6	<p>Pricing and Over-provision</p> <p>Iain brought to the groups attention that the court ruled in favour of minimum pricing. The Scotch Whisky Association are appealing. This will go to the Supreme Court during the first half of next year.</p>	
7	<p>Child Protection – Child Sexual Exploitation & Licensing</p> <p>SL held a discussion regarding CSE.</p> <p>SL confirmed that there have been nineteen child sexual exploitation cases in Moray since January. Two of these cases were licensing related.</p> <p>In recent cases in the media and nationally it was highlighted that Taxis</p>	

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	<p>were used to ferry children to hotels etc. Staff in licenced premises are going to potentially be among the first to see any signs of abuse so it is important that they know what to look out for.</p> <p>SL also confirmed that the emotional effect on a child after this happens is irreversible so it is important that it is prevented from happening in the first place.</p> <p>Discussion was also held regarding the impact of drugs and alcohol in relation to child protection.</p> <p>Moray has an average of 40 children on the CP register per quarter.</p> <p>SL stressed how important it is for everyone to look for the signs and know where to report it.</p>	
8	<p>Online Sales</p> <p>PA started the discussion regarding online sales. Alcohol can be purchased online seller based in another part of the country to where it is being supplied. It was considered how this could affect the licensing system.</p> <p>SL pointed out that alcohol abuse now happens more at home rather than out in public. KA backed this up as parents now have a lot more alcohol in the house so there is too much freedom at home.</p> <p>A concern was raised regarding age verification and how underage drinking is monitored when purchasing online. It was said that supermarkets delivering alcohol to private addresses have a process to follow and records they must keep. It was also discussed whether online supermarkets have any cross reference check on who orders against who receipts at the address delivered to. This is to verify that both are legally entitled.</p>	
9	<p>Issues & Concerns</p> <p>KA would like to see the LSO position reinstated.</p> <p>DO advised that there were instances last month where small licenced premises were not closing after their 'drink-up time'. It was confirmed by DO and IC that there should be no staff drink after this time.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>28 February 2017 at 10:30 in Training Room 1</p>	