

Minute of Meeting of Highland Licensing Forum held on Monday 14th February 2022,
1400hrs via TEAMS.

Present: Ramsay McGhee, (Chair) Pat Hayden, (Vice Chair) Liz Smart(NHS), Sgt Katy Duncan(Police Scotland), Murdo MacDonald(Police Scotland), Simon Collier(Member), Vanessa Lawrance (Member), John MacLennan (Member) Ian Cox (LSO), Garry Cameron(LSO).

Apologies: None

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No Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone and gave update on situation re meetings during Pandemic.

Chair introduced and welcomed new members.

No issues raised re previous minutes, approved (IC and GC)

Chair- introduced topics for consideration and highlighted upcoming Local Authority Elections in May 2022, which will mean review and if necessary, revision of Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement, the Licensing Forum will be important consultees during this process he asked that all members consider current policy and any issues they would ask to be reviewed during consultation period. (Action IC and GC to ensure link to Policy Statement circulated to all members).

IC- Updated forum on recent circulation of questionnaire from Alcohol Focus Scotland which relates to persons under 18 and effect of Online Sales affecting them. General discussion amongst members in relation to Youth representation on Forum and importance of same.

(KD to contact Youth Parliament in effort to identify suitable candidate, VL to do likewise with UHI).

ES- Will circulate appropriately amongst NHS colleagues.

Chair- At this stage took opportunity to have all members present, introduce themselves.

GC/KD/IC- Gave brief update on Pandemic and Good liaison and practice between Police Scotland, Environmental Health and LSO.

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ES – Gave update on ongoing data collection by NHS which she would share when available.

Spoke about Icelandic Model and again would share when further detail known.

VL- Outlined some concerns amongst Licensing Trainers in relation to Online courses and standard of same, will keep under review.

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Date of next meeting to be circulated.