Item 2

3rd December 2024

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 10th September 2024.

Local Licensing Forum.

Present: Donald MacLeod, Concert Promoters' Association (Chair); Gary Atkinson, Community Resident – North West Area; Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council; Brian Fulton, Night Time Industry Association; Billy Gold, Scottish Licensed Trade Association; Inspector Gareth Griffiths, Police Scotland; A Junner, Accredited Liquor Licensing Law Specialist (Substitute for Archie MacIver); Susan McKay, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce (Substitute for Stuart Patrick); Brian McMahon, Glasgow Pubwatch Groups (Substitute for Matthew Reilly); Jamie Mackie, Scottish Grocers' Federation (Substitute for Pete Cheema); Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Julie Pearson, Glasgow Life; Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Elaina Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (Substitute for Fiona Moss); and Paul Stewart, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council.

Apologies: Daniel Carter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Pete Cheema, Scottish Grocers' Federation; A MacIver, Accredited Liquor Licensing Law Specialist; Fiona Moss, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; and Matthew Reilly, Glasgow Pubwatch Groups.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); I Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum; G McNaught, Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board; and J Gallagher, Glasgow Life,

Membership update noted.

1 The Forum heard and noted a verbal update by the Clerk to the Forum regarding its membership, advising

(1) of the recent death of John Ferguson, former Community Resident, North East Area;

(2) that an election process was currently being undertaken by the Council's Communities Team in relation to the vacant Community Resident position whereby nominations would be sought from Community Councils in the north east area of the city; and

(3) that it was anticipated that the said appointment would be made prior to the next meeting on 3rd December 2024.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting of 14th May 2024 were submitted and approved.

City of Glasgow Licensing Board – Pilot Scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre – Update noted etc.

3 In terms of Standing Order No 6 and with reference to the minutes of 14th May 2024 noting an update regarding the Board's pilot scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre and that a further update would be provided at this meeting, there was heard a verbal update by the Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Board regarding the matter, advising

(1) that at a meeting on 17th May 2024, the Licensing Board had granted 54 applications for major variation in relation to the pilot scheme;

(2) of the proposed process to be undertaken in relation to a 12 month review of the scheme whereby the Licensing Board, working in partnership with Police Scotland, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde/Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Licensing Standards), would review the impact of the pilot scheme throughout the initial 12 month period and determine whether to continue it or maintain the existing policy terminal hour of 12 midnight; and

(3) that if the Licensing Board agreed to continue the scheme, applications for major variation would then require to be submitted and determined by the Licensing Board.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(a) the update;

(b) that the criteria considered by the Licensing Board when determining applications for major variation from city centre premises for the pilot scheme was similar to the criteria considered for applicants seeking premises licences to operate as a nightclub to 4am;

(c) various concerns expressed at the meeting regarding transport provision from the city centre at night time and the economic impact of the pilot scheme on the night time economy;

(d) that it would not be appropriate to establish a sub-group to consider various issues in relation to the pilot scheme as the Licensing Board had already agreed the review process, as detailed in 5.3.3 of its Licensing Policy Statement;

(e) that in its 12 month review, the Licensing Board would consider whether there was any evidence of a measurable or direct link between the pilot scheme and alcohol related crime or hospital admissions figures and that issues such as the economic impact of the scheme on the night time economy and transport provision would not be at the forefront of the review; and

(f) that Glasgow Chamber of Commerce had commissioned a report by Professor J J Lennon, Glasgow Caledonian University, entitled “The Value of the Night Economy in Glasgow 2024” and that Donald MacLeod would arrange for this to be circulated to members for their information via the Clerk.

UEFA European Football Championships 2028 - Presentation noted etc.

4 The Forum heard a joint presentation by Jade Gallagher and Julie Pearson, Glasgow Life, regarding the UEFA European Football Championships 2028 to be held from 9th June to 9th July 2028, advising

(1) of the successful competitive bidding process for the event and providing a general overview of the championships, which would be held in 9 host cities and was considered to be the 3rd largest event in the world and the largest event held in the United Kingdom (UK) since the London Olympics in 2012;

(2) that a partnership approach was created as part of the bid development and that this would continue in delivery, with key partners including:-

(a) Scottish Government;

(b) UK Government;

(c) UEFA;

(d) Scottish Football Association;

(e) Glasgow City Council;

(f) UK Sport; and

(g) Football Association;

(3) of Glasgow’s commitment and approach, with Glasgow Life to lead and facilitate the delivery of host city obligations on behalf of Glasgow City Council;

(4) of the centralised event delivery model via a limited liability company (NewCo), with Glasgow accountable to the central delivery team;

(5) of the extensive public consultation on the event legislation which had ran for 12 weeks and was led by the Scottish Government, with the findings to be presented on 17th September 2024; and

(6) of the key host city activation requirements, including the mobility programme and fanzones.

After consideration and having heard further from Jade Gallagher and Julie Pearson in response to members' questions, the Forum noted

(i) the presentation;

(ii) comments by members highlighting that it was important that the economic rewards for hosting the event were spread to businesses in the city; and

(iii) that the Clerk to the Forum would arrange for the presentation slides to be emailed to all members after the meeting.

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Update on licensing standards issues noted etc.

5 There was submitted a report by the Council's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on licensing standards issues in respect of the period from January to June 2024, advising

(1) that Licensing Standards, as statutory nominees, had provided comment on various applications, as detailed in the report, which included applications for

(a) new and provisional premises licences;

(b) major variation;

(c) occasional licences; and

(d) extended hours;

(2) that significant resource demands for the period related primarily to work associated with applications for new premises licences and major variation, the assessment and reporting on applications in relation to the Licensing Board's Pilot Scheme in relation to the granting of a terminal hour of 1 am to on sales premises within the city centre and also work related to the delivery of major events in the city;

(3) of the above average number of applications processed for occasional licences and extended hours due to the variety of small to medium scale events that had taken place and the continuation of the 6-month outdoor licensed area process;

(4) that Licensing Standards had dealt with 127 complaints and 260 enquiries, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of interest and stakeholder group activity undertaken by officers, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the report; and

(ii) that with regard to clarification being sought if there had been any increase in the number of complaints in relation to noise/anti-social behaviour as a result of the Licensing Board's 1am pilot scheme, it was highlighted that at this stage it was too early to determine.

Managing the evening economy towards a safer city centre – Update noted etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Council's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on recent developments of Best Bar None Glasgow initiatives facilitated and supported by the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability City Centre Team in respect of the period from January to June 2024, advising

(1) of the initiatives concerned, namely:-

(a) Best Bar None Glasgow Developments;

(b) City Nite Zones;

(c) Voluntary Sector Partners, including Glasgow Street Pastors' Association and Glasgow Street Aid; and

(d) Digital Radio Network;

(2) that all work had been supported by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability staff and enhanced through a multi-agency approach; and

(3) that all activities provided additional value and assistance to the City Centre Policing Plan, which provided an overall approach to crime and safety in the city centre.

After consideration, the Forum noted

(i) the contents of the report;

(ii) concern expressed by members regarding the reduction in 'footfall' at various city centre nitezones in 2024 in comparison with the same period in 2023, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and

(iii) various comments made in relation to a general discussion on the delivery of Safer Nightlife Training, in partnership with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and the Scottish Drugs Forum, where it was highlighted that

there appeared to be an increase in the number of young people who were presenting themselves at venues in the city as vulnerable.

Dates of future meetings noted etc.

7 The Forum noted the following future meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 and deadlines for the submission of business:-

(1) Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 1300 hours (All items of business should be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Tuesday, 12th November 2024); and

(2) Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 1400 hours – Joint meeting with the City of Glasgow Licensing Board (All items of business should be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Tuesday, 12th November 2024).