

LOCAL LICENSING FORUM'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 9th September 2025.

Local Licensing Forum.

Present: Donald MacLeod, Concert Promoters' Association (Chair); Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council; Brian Fulton, Night Time Industry Association; Billy Gold, Scottish Licensed Trade Association; Charlie Ingham, Glasgow Life (substitute for Julie Pearson); Archie Maciver, Accredited Liquor Licensing Law Specialist; Susan McKay, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce (substitute for Stuart Patrick); Jamie Mackie, Scottish Grocers' Federation (Substitute for Pete Cheema); Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Brian Rooney, Police Scotland (Substitute for Inspector Alan Ferris); Matthew Reilly, Glasgow Pubwatch Groups; Elaina Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (substitute for Fiona Moss); and Paul Stewart, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow City Council.

Apologies: Gary Atkinson, Resident, North West; Daniel Carter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Peter Cheema, Scottish Grocers' Federation; Inspector Alan Ferris, Police Scotland; Chris McGuinness, Greater Glasgow Hotels' Association; Stuart Patrick, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; and Julie Pearson, Glasgow Life.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); I Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum and C Cain, Assistant Depute Clerk to the City of Glasgow Licensing Forum.

Membership update noted.

1 There was heard and noted a verbal update by the Clerk to the Forum regarding the matter, advising that

- (1) with reference to the minutes of 13th May 2025 noting an update regarding the 2 vacant Community Resident positions on the Forum for the North East and South areas of the city,
 - (a) I Miller, Legal Advisor to the Forum, had attended and presented the role of Community Councils on the Forum at the Community Council Development Session in June 2025, and highlighted the vacancies that currently existed, however no communication had been received from Community Councillors thus far offering to fill the vacancies;
 - (b) suggestions were welcomed about filling the vacancies from other groups, and that an update would be brought to the next meeting; and

- (2) Eva Curran who had been the rep for Nation Union of Students had finished term as Student Preseident, and that Fraser Brown had taken over the position.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 2 The minutes of the previous meeting of 13th May 2025 were submitted and approved.

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

- 3 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 2025, 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 steady 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 119 complaints and 240 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) the comments made in relation to some premises where the seller of alcohol's Personal Licence had lapsed and took note of the importance of promoting refresher training to all staff and setting reminders of when such licences required renewal; and
- (iii) the importance of being compliant with the Minimum Unit Pricing guidelines which had come into force on 30th September 2024.

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

4 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 2025, 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) the comments made in relation to illegal parking in the city centre, and that the service continued to work with traffic enforcement officers to arrange patrols to be dispersed at peak times; and
- (iii) the concerns raised regarding reports of some residents in a city centre hotel, which was accommodating homeless people with addiction issues, selling drugs and that all incidents should be reported to Police Scotland.

Dates of future meetings noted etc.

5 The Forum noted the following future meeting dates for the remainder of 2025 and deadlines for the submission of business:-

- (1) Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 1300 hours (All items of business should be submitted to the Clerk to the Forum by Tuesday, 18th November 2025); and
- (2) Tuesday, 9th December 2025 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, 18th November 2025).