

Fife Licensing Forum

Committee Room 3, Floor 5, Fife House, North Street,
Glenrothes / Blended meeting



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THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE LICENSING FORUM – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

5 September, 2024

2.00 pm – 3.15 pm

ATTENDING: Gregor Hannah, (Convener – Premises/ Personal Licence Holder), Ewan Brown (Premises/Personal Licence Holder), Clare Campbell (NHS Fife), Neil Ewing Licensing Sergeant (Police Scotland), Douglas Hardaker, Lead Officer, Environmental Health (Public Protection), Helen Hutton (Fife Alcohol Support Service - FASS), Stewart Ness (Fife Resident), Peter Reid (Fife Resident), Rebecca Shovlin (Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership), Paul Smith (Premises/Personal Licence Holder), James Torrance (Premises/Personal Licence Holder) and Jo Worrall (Twist Training/Licensing Training).

ALSO ATTENDING: Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, Wendy MacGregor and Elona Thomson, Committee Officers, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Tom Adams, Izzy Corbin (Fife Resident), Dr. Esther Curnock and Susanna Galea-Singer (NHS Fife), Gillian Dewar (Social Work), Jeff Ellis ((Premises/Personal Licence Holder) and Nicky Corletto, Licensing Standards Officer.

39. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Convener, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies for absence. Members of the Forum introduced themselves outlining their interest and membership on the Forum.

40. MINUTE

The Forum considered the minute of the meeting of the Fife Licensing Forum on 2 May 2024.

Decision

The Forum agreed to approve the minute.

41. MEMBERSHIP -

In line with the terms of the Constitution of the Fife Licensing Forum, members considered a personal statement submitted retrospectively, by Ewan Brown, appointed as a member of the Forum at the meeting on 2 May 2024. The Forum also acknowledged the resignation of Helen Hutton, Fife Alcohol and Support Service from 6 September 2024.

The Committee Officer provided a verbal update, advising that following the resignation of Helen Hutton, the Forum would have one vacancy on the membership and that there had been interest shown from three people who wished to become members on the Forum.

Contact had also been made with the Clued Project to invite a young person to join the Forum meetings with the intention they may become a member of the Forum in the future. Discussions indicated if a young person could be identified with an interest in attending the Forum meetings, a long period of support from colleagues would be required to encourage confidence and participation in future meetings.

Decision

The Forum noted:-

- (a) the personal statement from Ewan Brown;
- (b) the resignation from Helen Hutton, Fife Alcohol Support Service, leaving one vacancy on the Forum and thanked Helen for her contribution during her term as a member on the Forum;
- (c) noted that Marie Crombie, Head of Services, Fife Alcohol Support Service had noted her interest in becoming a member on the Forum and that two other individuals had also advised of their interest in joining the Forum as members; and
- (d) noted the update from the Committee Officer in relation to the vacancy on the Forum and agreed the Committee Officer would contact the interested parties to request personal statements which would be submitted as an item for discussion at the next meeting of the Forum on 21 November 2024..

42. FIFE LICENSING BOARD ANNUAL FUNCTIONS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023-24

The Forum considered the Fife Licensing Board Annual Functions and Financial Statement 2023-24. The Forum noted there was a deficit this year, Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, advised that the licensing fees were set by legislation with the majority of fees being set at the highest level. The position would be monitored by the Board and if a deficit position continued, licensing fees may be reviewed or increased where possible, if the Board felt this was necessary.

Decision

The Forum noted the contents of the report and update by Kimberley Langley.

43. POLICE REPORT

Neil Ewing, Licensing Sergeant provided an update on the work which had been carried out since the previous meeting. Community Safety Officers had visited licensed premises across Fife to promote the Best Bar None Initiative. Thirty Four premises had signed up to Best Bar None and Community Safety Team were making attempts to increase the number of premises using this. Best Bar None ensures licensed premises follow the correct policy to make a night out safer using gold, silver and bronze awards. The initiative ensured all premises were working the same way in partnership with advice from the Safer Communities Team.

A Bystander training event was also being organised by Safer Communities in September, showing participants how to promote a safe night out. A video clip, is shown to highlight where events had gone wrong during a night out, enforcing there is a collective responsibility to ensure an individual gets home safely at the end of the night and not left in a vulnerable position. The Community Safety Officer was also invited to run a Bystander event for premises in St Andrews in October which would also cover spiking of drinks, to promote a safer environment due to the large intake of students starting University in St Andrews in September.

Police Officers had continued joint visits to premises along with Environmental Health Officers and noted it had been a quiet period with no significant incidents to report. The Chief Constables Annual Report would be presented to the Licensing Board and Forum at a future date.

Decision

The Forum noted the update provided by Neil Ewing.

44. LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS UPDATE

Douglas Hardaker, Licensing Standards Officer, Environmental Health Service, provided an update advising that the main focus over the last year had been with off-trade businesses. Following the covid epidemic, many layout plans in premises had changed and were not complying with the terms of the license. There had been some issues with shop keepers taking more risks in the sale of alcohol, vapes, cigarettes, underage sales etc which was being monitored by Police Scotland and Licensing Standards Officers. There had been numerous occasions where licence holders had to apply to the Board for a variation in order to ensure they were compliant with the terms of the licence.

Reporting of noise complaints continued although it was noted there had been a change in people's habits and there were not as many noise complaints as there had been previously pre covid. If a noise complaint is reported, Licensing Standards Officers must visit the complainant to verify the terms of the complaint. There had been a rise in cases where complainants were more confrontational due to alcohol intake in the home and had refused the Licensing Standards Officers entry to their home. This caused issues for Licensing Standards Officers who are required to justify the grounds for a complaint before presenting a review of a licence to the Licensing Board.

Decision

The Forum noted the update from Douglas Hardaker.

45. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Clare Campbell, NHS Fife provided an update to the Forum advising that the Public Health annual figures for alcohol harm would be released later in September and that a full update would be provided at the November meeting. The information available to date, showed an increase in alcohol harm and in individuals presenting to Health Services for support. A full presentation would be provided at the meeting of the Forum on 21 November 2024.

Decision

The Forum noted the update from Clare Campbell.

46. UPDATES FROM FIFE LICENSING BOARD

The Forum considered the minutes of meetings of Fife Licensing Board of 15 April, 24 June and 26 August 2024.

A discussion followed, regarding conditions for supplying alcohol, included in the Statement of licensing Board policy, members were reminded a copy of this was available on the web page for the Fife Licensing Board and could be located at end of the policy statement.

Members agreed a joint letter by the Licensing Board and Licensing Forum would be formulated and send to Scottish Government highlighting concerns that there was no official requirement for training delivery drivers on the sale of alcohol. The Forum noted that a letter had been issued to the Scottish Government in 2019 addressing the same issue and this should also be highlighted. This was not an issue that was unique to Fife as concerns had been raised across other areas of Scotland.

Decision

The Forum:-

- (a) noted the minutes of the Fife Licensing Board meetings; and
- (b) agreed to include a draft letter at the next Forum meeting for discussion at the meeting on 21 November 2024

47. ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND - EFOCUS NEWSLETTERS

The Forum noted that eFocus newsletters could be accessed directly through the Alcohol Focus Scotland website and a link was provided.

48. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Forum noted there was no further business for consideration.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 21 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 2PM

The Forum agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 21 November 2024 at 2.00 pm and the Convener reminded members that a strong attendance would be required due to the resignation of one member, in order to achieve the required quorum for the meeting.

Ms Ash Denham MSP
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November 2024

Dear Ms Denham

**MANDATORY TRAINING FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS INVOLVED IN
THE DELIVERY/SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL**

At the last annual joint meeting between the Fife Licensing Board and the Fife Licensing Forum, concerns were raised that consumption of alcohol trends had changed since the covid pandemic, with an increase of off-sale alcohol consumption in the home and an increase in online sales and deliveries of alcohol.

Members of the Licensing Board and Forum noted there is currently no mandatory training requirement for third party delivery drivers involved in the supply of alcohol to members of the public. This has led to concerns that deliveries of alcohol could be made to any location and may result in young persons under the legal age of 18 years of age purchasing/obtaining alcohol and may have further implications on crime, public health, public safety and public nuisance.

In Fife Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Board (strongly) encourages the training of delivery drivers responsible for the delivery of alcohol on the terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, however, it recognises that it cannot insist upon such training of delivery staff and encourages it as a matter of good practice for responsible retailers to undertake rather than it being mandatory.

The Fife Licensing Board and Fife Licensing Forum would like to request consideration is given to a change of legislation to require delivery drivers (with responsibility for delivering alcohol) to be required to undergo mandatory training similar to the two hour mandatory training required by persons working in licensed premises who are responsible for the sale and/or supply within those premises. This would ensure delivery drivers receive a minimum level of training to try to minimise the risk of persons under the age of eighteen years being able to obtain alcohol, and thereby hopefully helping to reduce the impact on crime, public health and public safety.

Kind regards

Councillor Tom Adams,
Convener of Fife Licensing Board

Gregor Hannah
Convener of Fife Licensing Forum

The Forum is asked to consider the suggested points detailed below from Public Health and ADP for inclusion in joint letter

Alcohol Delivery Legislation

Suggested Recipients: Jim Wilson Head of Licensing Policy, Population Health Team SG, Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs, Health and Social Care, Drugs and alcohol and Public Health and Women's Health

We have serious concerns regarding alcohol deliveries in Fife and across Scotland and the ability of the local licensing system to mitigate the growing risks to community safety, public health and children and young people associated with rapid delivery from a growing range of retailers offering online app-based and telephone purchasing within local communities.

Measures to regulate the availability of alcohol are amongst the most effective and cost-effective interventions for minimising alcohol-related harm. However, under current legislative guidelines the locally led alcohol licensing system has limited powers to respond effectively to the challenges posed by remote purchasing and doorstep delivery. This undermines both local and national efforts to regulate the availability of alcohol and reduce alcohol-related harm.

We are particularly concerned about the impact of online sales to children and young people. Unlike supermarkets, which employ their own delivery staff, a growing number of independent retailers such as local convenience stores rely on networks of self-employed delivery drivers working within the 'gig economy'.

The lack of information about online sales and distribution, and the high turnover of delivery drivers, limits the ability to effectively implement, monitor and enforce local processes and training, including robust age verification at the point of delivery. This makes alcohol much more readily accessible to children and young people, and undermines progress made in meeting the licensing objective to protect children from harm. We suggest that those who deliver alcohol are servers of alcohol and as such should undergo the mandatory training that this role mandates, or for bespoke training to be created and become a legal requirement.

We are aware that some Licensing Boards within Scotland have introduced additional conditions in their licensing statements to try to address this issue. These have included conditions requiring equivalent training as that for staff working within licensed premises, requiring that challenge 25 checks must be conducted, that alcohol must not be left unless a responsible adult is present, and limiting the types of premises that are able to offer home delivery. However, our concern is that these are open to legal challenge as they go beyond national legislative guidance. These examples do not address delivery from outwith the local area, limiting their potential to protect children and young people. Survey research by Alcohol Focus Scotland carried out in 2022 among young people has highlighted that current legislation and national and local measures are failing to adequately prevent alcohol deliveries to children and young people.

Additionally, we are concerned that there has been a fundamental shift in the speed at which alcohol can be ordered and delivered through online apps that presents a new set of challenges to reducing alcohol harms for those at most risk. Quick access to potentially large amounts of alcohol makes it easier for individuals to drink impulsively, often leading to increased consumption. This poses an additional risk for people in recovery living in Fife. Additionally, the convenience of near-instant delivery can remove barriers for those who are heavily under the influence of alcohol, as they no longer need to get to a shop for their purchase. Another concern is that when individuals are using the online deliveries, often alcohol is highlighted and promoted as an additional item to be added to their basket.

Alcohol use continues to be a major health, economic and social challenge for Scotland. We believe the Scottish Government have a key role in addressing the availability of alcohol and strengthening legislation around the issues we have raised to support our response at a local level.

21 November, 2024

Agenda Item No. 5

Fife Licensing Forum – Vacancy

Report by: Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Purpose

The Forum is asked to consider the appointment of new members to fill one vacancy which had arisen following the resignation of Helen Hutton, Fife Alcohol Support Service.

Recommendation(s)

The Forum is asked to consider filling one vacancy by appointing one member from the list of those who have expressed an interest, as detailed in paragraph 3 below or by filling the vacancy using another method.

Resource Implications

None.

Legal & Risk Implications

In accordance with Schedule 2 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 a Forum may have a maximum of 21 members. However, at the meeting of Fife Council on 22 June 2023 it was agreed that the Fife Forum have a maximum of 18 members to enable meetings to meet the necessary number for a quorum.

Failure to make such appointments may mean the Forum cannot function effectively or secure a quorum at meetings.

Impact Assessment

An EqlA is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

No consultation was necessary.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Each council in Scotland is required to establish a Licensing Forum under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.
- 1.2 Membership of the forum is prescribed in the Act, setting out the numbers and categories/criteria for membership. These are summarised as follows:-
- Membership must be between 5 and 21 members
 - There must be at least one Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) for the area
 - There must be at least one person from the Health Board for the area
 - The rest of the members should be from the following main categories –
 - Licence holders (both on and-off sales)
 - Police
 - Health, education or social work
 - Young people
 - Residents within the Forum's area
- 1.3 The Council has flexibility to decide how many representatives there should be for each category and can include members from other categories relevant to licensing.

2.0 Current position

- 2.1 The Fife Licensing Forum has 17 members and one vacancy, following the resignation of Helen Hutton, Fife Alcohol Support Service.
- 2.2 The current membership of the Forum is as follows:-

Category	No. of members	Members
Licensing Standards	1	Douglas Hardaker
NHS Fife	3	Clare Campbell, Dr Esther Curnock (Covering for Catherine Chudleigh on maternity leave), Susanna Galea-Singer
Health and Social Care Partnership	1	Rebecca Shovlin
Licence Holders	5	Ewan Brown, Morag Douglas, Gregor Hannah, James Torrance and Paul Smith
Police	1	Neil Ewing
Social Work	1	Gillian Dewar
Licencing Training	1	Jo Worrall
Residents	4	Izzy Corbin, Jeff Ellis, Stewart Ness and Peter Reid

- 2.3 The Constitution also states that Members who fail to attend three consecutive meetings shall, unless the failure to attend was for a reason approved by the Forum, be subject to removal from office by the Forum. In the first instance, the member will receive, if appropriate, a letter from the Clerk enquiring as to the reason for failure to attend and the matter will thereafter be considered by the Forum.

3.0 New Members

- 3.1 The undernoted persons have expressed an interest in joining the forum. A brief outline of their interests and experience is provided to assist members.

Marie Crombie, Head of Services, Fife Alcohol Support Service (FASS)

As the Head of Services at the Fife Alcohol Support Service, I have worked closely with diverse communities, including veterans from the armed forces, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other groups such as those with mental health challenges, individuals from minority ethnic backgrounds, and those in recovery from addiction. Alcohol can have a profound effect on the life choices and well-being of these groups, with some using alcohol to cope with trauma, discrimination, or personal struggles. Understanding these varied experiences is essential for creating inclusive, compassionate policies that support all individuals and reduce harm.

In addition to this role, my previous experience as a Chief Executive Officer has honed my leadership and strategic planning skills, where I successfully managed teams, implemented governance frameworks, and strengthened service delivery. With over 17 years of experience in welfare, including managing complex cases, fostering partnerships, and securing funding, I bring strong problem-solving, risk management, and stakeholder engagement capabilities to the Forum.

Furthermore, my past as a licensed publican gives me a practical understanding of how alcohol-related policies directly impact businesses and communities. I am passionate about contributing to a balanced approach to licensing, supporting both public health and the local economy.

I believe my skills in leadership, governance, policy development, and community engagement will allow me to make a positive and informed contribution to the Forum's work.

Sarah Crawford – Chairman of Kingdom of Fife Branch – CAMRA – The Campaign for Real Ale

I am writing to apply for membership of the Fife Licensing Forum as a representative of the Kingdom of Fife Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), where I currently serve as Chair. As a resident of Kirkcaldy with a strong interest in the role of pubs as community assets, I am keen to support the Forum's work in shaping and improving our local licensing system.

I meet the eligibility criteria for membership as follows:

- I am over 16 years of age.
- I have a demonstrable interest in the licensing system, both through my position with CAMRA and through regular engagement with licensed establishments across Fife.
- I hold a personal licence obtained while I was resident in England, further reflecting my commitment to understanding and supporting the licensing process.

- As Chair of Kingdom of Fife CAMRA, I actively represent a group with shared interests in the licensing policies affecting premises and personal licence holders, and in fostering positive relationships between the licensing system and the local community.

CAMRA is a national, independent, consumer-led organisation that promotes real ale, cider, and perry while supporting pubs as central to the social fabric of communities. Locally, Kingdom of Fife CAMRA aims to highlight the cultural and social value of our pubs, not only as venues to enjoy quality drinks but as spaces where people of all backgrounds can gather, connect, and support each other. We believe that responsible and thoughtful licensing can help pubs continue to serve as safe, inclusive, and valuable hubs for everyone in the community.

If selected to join the Forum, I would bring a unique perspective from CAMRA and the wider community, advocating for fair and community-oriented licensing policies. I am committed to representing the views of local residents and CAMRA members alike, ensuring that Fife's pubs remain positive and welcoming spaces for all.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the vital work of the Fife Licensing Forum.

Colin Fenwick- Resident

I understand from the information available via Fife Council's website that the Forum is one member short of its full compliment of 18. I would very much be interested in taking up that place, and I do qualify meeting the criteria of being a Fife resident.

You may be aware that I have made representations to the Licensing Board over the past year which would obviously prohibit me from doing or saying anything that might prejudice the particular premise involved but what I have been involved in has certainly given me an insight into Licensing and improvements that could be considered. I have previous experience of serving on public boards and was a member of the Board of Forth Valley College for a term of two years. I also hold a degree in Business Law although I have to admit Licensing was not one of the courses that I took part in. I also have significant experience in the way local government works having been active in politics and was the full time Area Organiser in Fife (which gave me insight into how communities work across the whole of Fife) for a party and local government candidate, although I gradually became less involved in politics and now am not a member of any party.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 Following a resignation, the forum requires to fill the vacancy as appropriate.

List of Appendices - None

Background Papers

The following background papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:- None

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Fife Report 2023-2024



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Foreword

I am pleased to introduce the Annual Licensing Report for 2023/24, in accordance with Section 12(A) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Since taking up the position of Chief Constable of Police Scotland in October 2023 I have been committed to focusing on working closely with communities to solve problems through proactivity.

In respect of Licensing, this has been made possible with the continued support of the 32 local authorities across Scotland as well as many other associated national and local partnerships.

This collaborative working ensures a fair approach to licensing for the benefit of the licensed trade while simultaneously preventing alcohol fuelled violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

In the year ahead our approach will remain focused on prevention and collaboration to ensure high standards of service delivery. I will continue to encourage officers and staff to utilise the range of options available to them to maintain and improve licensing standards and to positively influence behaviour in and around all licensed premises throughout Scotland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local partnerships for their contribution to maintaining high standards and driving improvement where necessary within the Licensed Trade for the benefit of the communities we all serve.



Chief Constable Jo Farrell
Police Service of Scotland

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Police Scotland Licensing Overview –

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit (VPLCU) sits within Policing Together, based at Dalmarnock Police Station, Glasgow.

The VPLCU upholds the two-tier structure for licensing which supports both national and local priorities through service delivery. They have overall responsibility for determining and delivering national licensing strategy and policy, by providing advice, guidance and support to divisional licensing teams as well as undertaking other specialist functions.

The Violence Prevention and Licensing Co-ordination Unit is a specialist department which consists of a small team of officers, based in Glasgow. The officers within the unit work with divisional licensing teams and partner agencies to help shape policy and strategy around the police licensing function. They provide practical and tactical advice to police licensing practitioners, operational officers, supervisors and policing commanders.

The VPLCU seek to ensure that legislation governing the sale and supply of alcohol is applied consistently across the country and all opportunities are taken to stop the illegal or irresponsible sale, supply or consumption of alcohol with the intention of preventing and reducing crime and disorder.

During 2023/2024, from a licensing perspective, our particular focus was on the following;

- Scrutiny of the serious incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises.
- Governance and ongoing development of the National ICT Licensing System, known as “Inn Keeper”, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of liquor and civic licensing administration and management. Police Scotland are currently working on upgrade to the National ICT system to ensure compliance with GDPR legislation.

Each of the 13 Local Policing Divisions have a licensing team responsible for the day to day management of licensing administration, complying with statutory requirements as well as addressing any issues that may arise within licensed premises in their local area.

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LICENSING BOARD AREA

The Licensing Board area is policed by P Division, Police Scotland.

Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan is the Local Police Commander who has the responsibility for all day-to-day policing functions.

P Division

Fife (P) Division serves the Fife Council Local Authority area. The Division covers 1,325 sq.km between the Forth and Tay estuaries and is structured into three local commands areas, namely West, Central and East Fife. Seven territorial command areas make up the three local command areas, each of which share their boundaries with the Fife Council Local Authority business areas. The population of Fife is approximately 374,130, with the majority of people resident in a number of the larger towns, including Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes and Methil.

West Area Command

Chief Inspector Kathryn Fairfield is the Area Commander for West Fife. The main towns in this area are Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, Rosyth and Dalgety Bay, with a combined population of just under 90,000. This equates to approximately 25% of the population of Fife.

Chief Inspector Fairfield is supported by Community Inspectors:

Inspector Neil McGurk based at Dunfermline;

Inspector Hazel Crielly based at Cowdenbeath; and

Inspector Cheryl Young based at Dalgety Bay.

Central Area Command

Chief Inspector Tom Brown is the Area Commander for Central Fife. The main towns in this area are Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes, with a combined population of over 88,000. This equates to approximately 24% of the population of Fife.

Chief Inspector Brown is supported by Community Inspectors:

Inspector Kim Stuart based at Kirkcaldy; and

Inspector Murray Gibson based at Glenrothes.

East Area Command

Chief Inspector Christopher Dow is the Area Commander for East Fife. The main towns in this area are Methil, Leven, Cupar and St. Andrews, with a combined

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population of over 47,000. This equates to approximately 13% of the population of Fife. The population of rural North East Fife is approximately 73,000 and equates to about 20% of the total population.

Chief Inspector Dow is supported by Community Inspectors:

Inspector Matthew Spencer based at Methil; and

Inspector Mike Reilly based at Cupar.

Senior Officers

The senior officers who hold responsibility for licensing in Fife are as follows:

Superintendent Anthony Beveridge Operations

Chief Inspector Craig Fraser Partnerships

Licensing Department

Inspector Helen Manuel Divisional Co-ordination Unit

Sergeant Neil Ewing Alcohol and Civic Licensing

Local Policing Priorities

Following our public consultation process, the policing priorities for Fife (P) Divisions are established to address local concerns and to link into the priorities established in the National Policing Plan.

In addition to the Annual Police Scotland Plan and public consultation, we also made reference to the following internal and external document sources to assist us in identifying our Local Policing Priorities;

- Force Strategic Assessment 2020 – 2023; and
- Fife Local Outcome Improvement Plan – Plan for Fife.

Other relevant political, economic, social, technological, environmental, legislative and organisational issues were also taken into consideration.

The cumulative information from the consultation activity resulted in the following priorities, which we will aim to deliver at a local and national level;

- Violent Crime;
- Acquisitive Crime;

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- Anti-Social Behaviour;
- Substance Misuse;
- Road Safety;
- Protecting People at Risk of Harm; and
- Threats to Public Safety.

OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

A total of 1023 active premises licenses were present as of 31st March 2024. This shows a decrease of 22 since 31st March 2023. The overall figure breaks down further as follows:

- 182 on-sales (a decrease of 7)
- 363 off-sales (a decrease of 4)
- 478 combined on and off-sales (a decrease of 10)
- There are also 10 provisional licenses (6 off sales and 4 on & off sales)

A total of 344 personal licenses (26 renewals and 318 new applicants) were granted by Fife Licensing Board between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024, an increase of 42 on the previous year. During the current reporting period, 919 occasional licences were granted, giving a decrease of 123 licenses on the previous 12 months. These totals are now on a par with the figures for 2021-2022 period. COVID still has an impact on licenced premises with peoples drinking habits having changed and more utilising off sales and drinking within their homes and garden buildings.

In total, between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024, Fife Division Licensing Unit processed 1734 licensing applications, which can be broken down as follows:

- 20 premises licences;
- 344 personal licences;
- 399 variations (a further 15 awaiting board decision)
- 919 occasional licences;
- 52 extended hours licences

These figures show a decrease of 102 licence applications processed, in comparison with the previous 12 month period.

Police Scotland, at a national and a local level, endeavours to mitigate the impact alcohol abuse has on society, while acknowledging that moderate and sensible consumption of alcohol is socially acceptable. With this in mind, Fife Division's approach utilises the framework of licensing legislation to support the licensed trade, rather than to be used as a punitive measure.

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In line with the Fife policing ethos of improving the safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities in Fife, the commitment towards being there for the community and the vision of creating safer communities, the Police in Fife monitor all activities in and around licensed premises in an effort to reduce the negative impact alcohol can have on our communities, with an emphasis on prevention. The Division takes every opportunity to educate and support Premises and Personal Licence holders on the obligations placed upon them by virtue of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Fife Division's Licensing Unit consists of a Licensing Sergeant and three Police Staff, Divisional Licensing Administrators, who take responsibility for delivering efficient and effective support and guidance on all liquor, civic and miscellaneous licensing matters. The unit is overseen by an Inspector from the Divisional Co-ordination Unit.

The Licensing Unit monitors activities in and around licensed premises on a daily basis and records incidents of note. All incidents are assessed and entered onto a report where, utilising a consistent evidence-based approach, the premises are categorised using a Red – Amber – Green (RAG) grading system, i.e.:

Red: Problematic Premises: Evidence exists of a licensed premises operating in a manner which is inconsistent with the Licensing Objectives or out with the conditions of a Premises Licence and where local police intervention and support has failed or is unlikely to succeed in resolving the issues.

Amber: There is specific concern with the premises and whilst being actively monitored, intervention is appropriate.

Green: The premises has come to note and is being monitored.

In Fife, those premises that feature in the Amber category are further designated as requiring either informal or formal intervention. Informal intervention may be deemed suitable for those premises that have had a small number of minor incidents occurring, over a short period of time, in or around the premises where closer scrutiny is required. In such cases, a meeting will take place with managerial staff from the premises to discuss the situation and a Licensing Tasking Package will be prepared by the Licensing Unit, in consultation with the relevant Area Command Team.

Each package contains detailed tasking, to be completed during regular inspections carried out at each premises in an effort to rectify any identified issues. A specified timescale will be set for this monitoring period at the end of which the status of the premises will be re-assessed dependent on the outcome of the inspections carried out and any further incidents recorded.

Where, due to repeated failings in the management of the premises or where a significant incident has taken place, a meeting will be arranged with premises management. This will normally involve representation from the Premises Licence holder, Licensing Standards Officers, Local Area Police Inspector and the Licensing

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Sergeant. In addition to the Licensing Tasking Package, a formal Intervention Plan will be agreed following discussion between all parties, with specific conditions set to ensure the issues are addressed appropriately. This Intervention Plan will be similarly subject to a specified timescale with inspections scheduled at regular intervals and signed by both Police Scotland and the licence holder's representative.

During this reporting period, a premises lost their liquor licence having been reported to the Licensing Board for failing to meet the licensing objectives and another premises although never reported to the board were forced to close due to collaborative working between the Police Licensing Team and the Premises Licence holder. This was due to serious concerns of the persons leasing and running the public house.

PREVENTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE

Fife Division Licensing Unit provides guidance and advice when addressing licensing issues in Fife, thereby promoting the five Licensing Objectives:

- Prevent Crime and Disorder;
- Prevent Public Nuisance;
- Protect and Improve Public Health;
- Protect Children and Young Persons from harm; and
- Secure Public Safety.

The Licensing Sergeant works on the principle of:

Engagement – Education – Enforcement

In some cases where persons supplying alcohol have failed to act in observance of their licence conditions, positive ***Engagement and Education*** can resolve the matter, thereby preventing further instances and negating the requirement for ***Enforcement***.

There are of course circumstances whereby enforcement is the most appropriate course of action. Instances where persons may be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for offences covered by the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 include:

Section 102 (1) sale of alcohol to a child or young person

Section 104A (1) (a) buying or attempting to buy alcohol for a child

Section 104B (1) (a) buying or attempting to buy alcohol for a young person

Section 104A (1) (b) giving alcohol to a child

Section 104B (1) (b) giving alcohol to a young person

Section 105 (1) person under age 18 attempting to buy or buys alcohol

Section 1 (1) & (3) sale of alcohol without a premises licence or occasional licence

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Section 63 (1) sale/consumption/taking away of alcohol outside licensed hours

Section 116 (1) behaving in a disorderly manner and refusing to leave premises

In such instances, if appropriate, Fife Licensing Board will be informed of the circumstances.

Community Policing Teams throughout Fife Division are committed to promoting initiatives designed to divert children and young person's away from the attraction of consuming alcohol and the obvious risks posed in terms of health, personal safety and anti-social behaviour.

West Fife

Dunfermline Street Pastors

Dunfermline Street Pastors, based out of the Gillespie Church Dunfermline, are patrolling on the last Saturday of each month, with 6 pastors covering the city centre during two shifts. The volunteers provide vital support to vulnerable members of the public in need of assistance with getting to their destination safely. In addition to this SIA registered marshals have been patrolling the city centre Bus station providing reassurance to those visiting the city by public transport.

PSYV

PC Scot Morgan, Dunfermline Community Officer leads with his PSYV group. They assist him in many events across West Fife also help deliver awareness within this area at events and at licensed premises regarding the "IT WILL COST YOU" campaign which aims to tackle drinking by focusing on proxy sales. PSYV initially delivered printed promotional packs to licensed premises across Dunfermline, however, moved onto film an awareness video raising the issue. The video depicts young people engaging adults to buy alcohol followed by imagery highlighting the concerning outcomes of underage drinking and how it affects their communities. The video also includes an interview with the National campaign lead, Douglas Meikle (Scottish Whiskey Association), Dunfermline Community Police and Nursing Staff from NHS Addiction Service. *You tube – "Tackling Adults Who Buy Alcohol for Under 18's"*

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Operation Spring

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Ongoing Local Community Action Plan targeting youth disorder and anti-social behaviour (Operation Prevail) in the Dunfermline area. The action plan focuses on intervention and partnership working to engage with local youths and with licensed premises to ensure that they are complying with the conditions of their licences. Officers interrogate local police systems to ensure knowledge of up to date intelligence and take a proactive approach, working in partnership with Safer Communities, to address the risk posed by underage alcohol consumption and youth disorder.

Local Community ward officers in conjunction with Crime Reduction officers have delivered a series of educational inputs on the following topics;

- **Child Exploitation and Internet Safety (CEOP) Talks**
- **Stop Hate - Hate Crime Awareness Inputs**
- **Drug and Alcohol Awareness Inputs**
- **Anti-social Behaviour Inputs**
- **Conflict and Violence Resolution**
- **Keep Safe Ambassadors and No Knives Better Lives**

Pubwatch Scheme Dunfermline

Dunfermline based Officers are actively involved with the town's Pubwatch scheme. The administration of the scheme sits with local publicans, with Police Officers having an active role by providing input at all meetings.

Incorporating a partnership approach, during operating hours, licensed premises within the scheme are linked by a WhatsApp group where information can be shared in respect of live incidents and problematic people. Police Officers actively link in with premises when carrying out pro-active visits. Scheduled meetings are held whereby members discuss incidents and individuals who have been brought to their attention.

South West Fife Initiatives

SWF Police Station currently does not run any initiatives, however, are fully understanding of the issues alcohol has with anti-social behaviour. Officers are tasked to visit licensed premises during the afternoon to remind them of the responsibility regarding youths obtaining alcohol to stop them buying before congregating during the evening.

Community Officers also carry out joint initiatives at Inverkeithing High School with partners which is targeted to educate children on alcohol and drug misuse and anti-social behaviour.

East Fife

Education Engagement Officer

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Previously known as the Youth Alcohol and Violence Reduction Officer, this is a proactive resource based in Levenmouth, whose purpose is to provide interventions to disrupt and deter young people from becoming engaged in anti-social behaviour (Operation Prevail) and drug/alcohol abuse (Operation Prospect). Through delivery of a portfolio of tactics relating to drug and alcohol abuse, good citizenship engagement is made with designated groups.

Cupar Community Team

As a Community Team their primary focus is to listen to their local communities and address any safety concerns. This often is in relation to tackling road safety issues, anti-social behaviour, or ensuring the overall safety of public spaces. Many of the issues involve alcohol. They tailor their response to resolve any issues affecting local communities. Following several deliberate fires and notable rise in Anti-social behaviour in Cupar over the festive period in December 2023, a robust and proactive police approach was required. Using a similar model to St.Andrews, an ABS patrol matrix was established, focusing on all the hotspot areas in Cupar and the Howe of Fife. Since the patrols began in January 2024 there has been a marked difference in instances of reported anti-social behaviour activity. These dedicated patrols will continue, particularly into the warmer months where there is a potential rise in ASB offences. Visible police presence appears to be acting as a positive deterrent to this behaviour.

Central Fife

Operation Riverside

A local action plan designed to reduce anti-social behaviour (Operation Prevail) and violence (Operation Path) across Glenrothes Wards. The initiative was founded on partnership working within the Community Safety Partnership and is reliant upon good relationships with local businesses including the Kingdom Shopping Centre, Glenrothes Bus Station and local licensed premises. The action plan makes use of a range of tactics including highly visible patrols, targeted inspections, interaction with licensed premises management and youth diversion activity.

Glenrothes Linked Together

Glenrothes Linked Together is a scheme which replaced the Glenrothes Patrol matrix.

Glenrothes Linked Partners aims to bring together key partners and stakeholders including Police, Local Authority and Third Sector Agencies in order to improve Glenrothes and ensure the safety of its residents through collaborative joint working making Glenrothes a safe place to work and live.

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Education will form a key part of GLT along with diversion schemes to steer young people away from anti-social behaviour. GLT officers will continue with youth engagement across all 3 schools and will look to run summer and winter events involving children from each area. In the past year this took the form in December 2023 that officers organised 2 games of bowling and a hot meal at a venue in the Town Centre.

Partners work together to provide suitable diversion schemes, facilities and opportunities for young people to engage. Partners will seek to engage with our local business and licenced premises in hot spot areas and look at new innovative ways to ensure anti-social behaviour is reduced and or affecting local businesses.

Police officers and safer Community officers will engage with the public direct through preventative patrols.

Local authority have invested in a locally funded Police Officer post for a period of one year. This officer will be solely dedicated to reducing anti-social and violent offences within Glenrothes town centre and open parks and spaces. This will be achieved through prevention, education and enforcement.

Kirkcaldy Policing Area Anti-Social Behaviour and Violence Reduction Action Plan

Designed to support the five local policing operations, the action plan runs every Friday and Saturday, with dedicated officers performing specific tasks. The structure permits defined tasking around the education and enforcement of licensing issues and proxy sale of alcohol to youths (Operation Prevail and Operation Prospect). Local officers complete a minimum of 2 inspections at every licensed premises and off-sale establishment in Burntisland, Kirkcaldy and Kinghorn. The plan overlaps into other aspects of the local policing priorities by introducing dedicated stop points (Operation Paramount), a fluid patrol matrix that highlights 'hot spot' areas for anti-social behaviour and violent crime (Operation Prevail and Operation Path), dedicated action to target/visit the perpetrators of domestic crime via MARAC domestic bail tasking and direct tasking to visit all persons on a curfew bail.

Pubwatch Scheme – Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy Pub Watch works very similar to Dunfermline's Pubwatch with Kirkcaldy based Officers actively involved. The administration of the scheme sits with local publicans, with Police Officers and Licensing Standards Officers having an active role by providing input at all meetings.

Incorporating a partnership approach, during operating hours, licensed premises within the scheme are linked by a WhatsApp group where information can be shared in respect of live incidents and problematic people. Police Officers actively link in with premises when carrying out pro-active visits. Scheduled meetings are held whereby members discuss incidents and individuals who have been brought to their attention.

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Fife Wide

Throughout the year all areas in Fife actively carry out Pro-active policing patrols in known 'HOTSPOT' areas including Town Centres, Local Parks, beaches and neighbourhoods to engage with the youth and actively discourage Anti-social behaviour.

During the month of December, Officers throughout Fife implement the **Festive Safety Campaign**. In relation to the sale and consumption of alcohol, increased visits are made to licensed premises and areas where youths are known to congregate. Officers engage with premises staff and encourage diligence in relation to the prevention of the sale of alcohol to persons under 18 years of age and the issue of proxy sales (Operation Prevail). The campaign also endeavours to provide advice to members of the public in respect of personal safety when attending social events during the festive period. Similar activity takes place under the banner of the **Summer Safety Campaign**, a priority of which is keeping children and young person's safe during school holidays.

The **Bystander** initiative aims to provide an awareness for any 'bystander' in recognising where persons may be vulnerable to, for example, crimes of a sexual nature or violence and how to respond in a way that could positively influence the outcome. Following on from the training officers received last year, work will continue to cascade this training out to licensed premises within the division.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING AND INITIATIVES

Fife Division Licensing Unit, supported by local Policing Officers, has promoted the Police Service of Scotland's Force Priorities in conjunction with the Fife Licensing Objectives and the overarching principles and aims of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. Fife Division values and promotes the partnership approach, particularly so during the current pandemic and this section of the report contains several working examples.

Fife Division Licensing Unit and Fife Council Liquor Licensing Team continue to make best use of the existing close working relationship in a joint agency approach aimed at protecting the citizens of Fife during this public health crisis.

Fife Division Licensing Sergeant enjoys a positive and productive working relationship with Fife Council Licensing Standards Officers (LSO's). The Licensing Sergeant meets with LSO's on a regular basis to share information regarding current issues and highlighted premises, which may have come to the adverse attention of either or both agencies. Over this reporting period, several joint inspections of licensed premises were carried out in the Fife Board area.

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This close working relationship has resulted in improved compliance by a number of licensed premises. Positive partnership interaction is seen as a factor in reducing the number of monitored premises across Fife, thus reducing the requirement for uniformed officers to carry out tasked inspections.

Utilising local intelligence, Police Scotland Officers acted against a premises selling alcohol to children. The Licensing Sergeant along with Licensing Standards officers thereafter visited the premises on several occasions, prior to a report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and Licensing Board. Further action was also taken against a premises selling alcohol to the public without a liquor licence.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

By its very nature, organised crime routinely requires a footprint within the business sector to legitimise funds obtained through illegal means, such as drug dealing (Operation Prospect). Such businesses are often run to the detriment of the communities in which they operate.

Involving our partners in Divisional and national campaigns ensures daily and weekly engagement with premises and personal licence holders and their staff, through proactive visits and inspections. These interactions allow our officers and partners to evaluate the look and feel of each premises, whilst considering each licensee and their operatives in terms of approachability, experience, knowledge and professionalism.

Human trafficking is a challenging and complex issue to investigate, with most cases being protracted, involving law enforcement in more than one country, both in the UK and internationally. Trafficking is often a hidden crime and its victims frequently don't see themselves as such, therefore we proactively look for victims.

Fife Division works closely with the Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Unit (OCCTU) and our partners to assist people who are discovered as a result of anti-slavery and human trafficking work. They are victims, and regardless of whether they see themselves as such, are at risk and will be provided with help and support. The Division is committed to using all the tactics at its disposal to tackle trafficking and those who target vulnerable individuals.

Fife Division Licensing Unit plays a critical role in terms of assessing and disrupting applicants with links to organised crime. The Licensing Unit will continue to explore how intrusive assessment can be used as a tool to target and harden the licensed industry, reducing the impact of serious and organised crime.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Initial discussions have taken place between Cupar Public Houses and local Community Officers regarding the creation of a Cupar Pub Watch. Due to a recent rise in local issues the pubs are considering starting a group. This is only at the discussion

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stage, however, should they decide to proceed, officers will provide support to the group.

POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

Joint visits carried out across Fife in terms of premises that have been causing police, LSOs and neighbour's issues. Advice provided in the most part, however, formal action taking place against a takeaway food premises that has breached conditions of their licence. A report will be submitted to the Licensing and Regulation Committee and Licensing Board in due course.

Local officers have been working closely with Trading Standards following intelligence of premises selling illegal/counterfeit vapes.

Best Bar None currently underway in Fife. Numbers of licensed premises participating is 49, making Fife the second largest in Scotland. Assessments are taking place and the formal awards ceremony will be January/ February. The officer leading BBN is also keen to promote BBN and recruit more premises for next year.

Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAPs). The principles of a Community Alcohol Partnership are to be fully inclusive involving all relevant organisations and 'figure heads' within the communities to identify the key areas and to collectively come up with ideas to reduce regular drinking among 13-16 year olds, which has a knock on effect of lowering the amount of alcohol related ASB. The first CAP has commenced a trial as of 31st October 2024 in Cowdenbeath. Should the trial be successful there are plans for this to be expanded within the Fife area.

Neil Ewing
Licensing Sergeant
Police Scotland -Fife Division

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FLB 163	THE ROYAL HOTEL 20 RODGER STREET ANSTRUTHER FIFE KY10 3DU	FRANKIE FOX LTD C/O HASSARD LICENSING LTD 6A RANDOLPH CRESCENT EDINBURGH EH3 7TH	11 June 2024	Granted unanimous

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FI 5594	JOHN DAVID MONTGOMERY	CHIEF CONSTABLE	1 August 2024	Applicant did not appear at 26th August Board. Continued to 21st October Board and applicant did not appear. Grounds for review established. Licence revoked - unanimous

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FLB 947	DOUGLAS ARMS MAIN STREET METHILHILL LEVEN FIFE KY8 2DW	MARK AND ALISHA MOLLOY C/O 26 EAST FERGUS PLACE KIRKCALDY FIFE KY1 1XT	23 September 2024	Grounds for review established Written warning to be issued.