

## East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Forum?

Posted by RM64 - 29 Jun 2020 10:11

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To:

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Sent: Monday, 29 Jun, 2020 At 10:24

Subject: RE: Licensing Forum

Hi Linda

As Mr Daly became unavailable just after sending his email below, would appreciate if you would give clarification of when the matter will be 'looked into'.

'This has on occasion led to some of the documents being inadvertently removed. I will look into this matter further.'

Keep well.

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: &quot;Daly, Eamonn&quot;

Sent: Friday, 26 Jun, 2020 At 17:19

Subject: Automatic reply: No Public Access to Council/Committee meetings - Minutes

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If you need to speak to someone before then contact Linda Hutchison (

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----- Original Message -----

From: &quot;Daly, Eamonn&quot;

Sent: Friday, 26 Jun, 2020 At 17:01

Subject: RE: Licensing Forum

The Council's website is being updated and some work to update the layout of the committee pages has been ongoing.

This has on occasion led to some of the documents being inadvertently removed. I will look into this matter further.

With regards to the lack of substantive business you will be aware that this has often happened with Cabinet meetings for example when there has been no business to consider.

This is dependent on the circumstances at the time and whilst meetings are set up in advance with an expectation that there will be business to consider, from time to time this is not the case leading to cancellation.

In these circumstances not doing so would be an inefficient use of Elected Member and officer time.

I cannot comment on reasons for there being no business for the forum to consider other than to say that as a relatively small licensing area with a relatively small number of licensed premises East Renfrewshire does not face the same licensing issues that an area such as Glasgow will have.

In addition the Council's Licensing Standards Officer was unfortunately on sickness absence for a prolonged period which impacted on the matters presented to the forum.

It is certainly the intention for the Forum to meet this year but as previously whether or not meetings do take place will be dependent on the level of business to be considered.

Yours faithfully

Eamonn Daly

Democratic Services Manager

Department of Corporate and Community Services

Sent: 23 June 2020 15:50

To: Daly, Eamonn

Subject: RE: Licensing Forum

Hi Eamonn

Are there minutes for the 2018 meetings listed on the Licensing Forum webpage?

What were the reasons for this lack of substantive business in 2019?

Will the Forum be meeting in 2020?

Obviously the Forum did not anticipate this lack of substantive business in 2019 as

## EAST RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL LICENSING FORUM

11 December 2018

Report by Clerk

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide details of proposed meeting dates for the Forum for 2019.

## REPORT

2. It is proposed that the 4 meetings a year arrangement be continued for 2019.

In the event that for whatever reason it is considered necessary for an additional meeting to be arranged, this can be done.

3. The proposed meeting dates for the forum for the next 12 months are:-

- Tuesday 12 March 2019 (The Convener will be elected at this meeting)
- Tuesday 11 June 2019•
- Tuesday 10 September 2019 (Joint meeting with Licensing Board)
- Tuesday 10 December 2019 5.

Meetings will commence at 7pm and will take place in the Council Chamber, Council HQ, Eastwood Park, Giffnock.

#### RECOMMENDATION

6. That the proposed meeting arrangements be approved.

Report author

Eamonn Daly,

Clerk to the Forum

Your help with this matter is much appreciated.

Keep well.

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: &quot;Daly, Eamonn&quot;

Sent: Tuesday, 23 Jun, 2020 At 09:40

Subject: RE: Licensing Forum

The Forum has not met since then due to a lack of substantive business.

Kind Regards

Eamonn Daly

Democratic Services Manager

Department of Corporate and Community Services

Sent: 17 June 2020 11:12

To: Daly, Eamonn

Subject: Licensing Forum

Hi Eamonn

I refer to the Licensing Forum page on the ERC Website.

The last Agenda/minutes posted are for 11 December 2018.

Are Agendas/Minutes for 2019/2020 available. If so, why are they not posted/available?

Thanks

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## Re: East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Forum?

Posted by RM64 - 29 Jun 2020 10:14

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You can read the available Licensing Forum documentation here -

[www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2360&go=Go](http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2360&go=Go)

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## Re: East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Forum?

Posted by RM64 - 15 Dec 2020 15:04

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Tuesday, 14 Jul, 2020 At 16:07

Subject: RE: East Renfrewshire Local Licensing Forum

Thank you for your email.

I apologise for the delay in my response.....

I have yet to ascertain the status of the Licensing Forum and if there has been any developments in my absence.

The report you have stated is a general report that is given to the Forum to cover the periods between meetings.

It would be my intention to produce a report to cover the time frame since the last report.

I will present this at the next Forum Meeting once a date is clarified.

Kind regards

Dominic

Dominic McMahon

Licensing Standards Officer

Environment

RE: East Renfrewshire Local Licensing Forum

16/10/2020 11:01

Thank you for your email, with the ongoing Pandemic my time in the office has been greatly reduced so I apologise for the delay in replying.

With regards your email.

I can confirm the Licensing Forum is still active.

Due to the ongoing global pandemic many resources are currently tied up with Covid 19, myself included, and priority is being given to these issues.

We also have to consider the safety of Forum Members, some of whom have informed me that they are in the vulnerable category as per Covid Guidance.

Given this information it is not possible for the Forum to physically meet at this moment in time, as Chair of the Forum I am pursuing alternative methods of holding a Forum meeting.

As East Renfrewshire is a small area comparable with neighbouring local authorities this poses challenges for the Forum, the first is the issue of a quorum.

If the required number of members fail to attend then we cannot hold a meeting.



The second issue is given the relative small geographical area, we do not have the same issues as other local authorities and as such there is often not enough business to convene a meeting.

Based on these factors I cannot provide you with an exact date for the next Forum meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is December, if this is not possible the following scheduled meeting is March 2021.

In my role as LSO to the Forum my report will be presented to the Forum covering the time period from the last meeting.

Kind regards

Dominic

Dominic McMahon

Licensing Standards Officer

Environment

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## **Re: East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Forum?**

Posted by RM64 - 15 Dec 2020 17:15

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13/11/2020

I refer to your FOI request seeking complaints made to the East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Standards Officer (LSO), relating to the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 from December 2018 to date.

Please find attached to this email information as requested.

I have to advise you that certain information you requested is not enclosed as per S33 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2005.

The following requested information is not included:

Name of Premises Complained Off

- Details of Compliance Notice
- Details of Advice Notice
- Details of Mediation

The exemption at S33(1)b is further subject to the public interest test.

While I appreciate that this information is of interest to you, and that there is a broader interest in openness more generally, I feel that the public interest is best served by the appropriate procedures being followed and by due regard being given to the commercial interests of the individuals and premises concerned.

Dominic McMahon

Licensing Standards Officer

Environment

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## Re: East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Forum?

Posted by RM64 - 15 Dec 2020 17:19

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PREMISES TYPE

Public House

NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS

40

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

5 issues of alleged Operating Plan Issues

3 Issues of alleged Issues relating to Staff Training

17 Issues relating safe operating in Covid restrictions

1 Issue of alleged Irresponsible Promotion

MEDIATION REQUIRED

19 Cases of mediation

COMPLIANCE/ADVICE NOTE ISSUED

8 Advice Notes Issued

0 Compliance Notes

Dates Received

07/01/19 ,28/01/19 ,12/02/19 ,18/02/19 ,15/03/19 ,22/03/19 ,16/04/19 ,17/04/19 ,13/05/19 ,15/05/19  
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**Re: East Renfrewshire Council Licensing Forum?**

Posted by RM64 - 15 Dec 2020 17:24

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PREMISES TYPE

MEMBER CLUB

NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS

42

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

7 Issues of alleged Noise/Dispersal and Anti-Social Behaviour Issues

7 Issues of alleged breaches relating to Staff Training

12 Issues of alleged Operating Plan Issues

1 Underage Sales Issue

15 Issues relating safe operating in Covid restrictions

MEDIATION REQUIRED

16 Cases of mediation

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