

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 11 January 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors William Grant (Chair), Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Martin Kilbride, Bob Pollock and Duncan Townson.

Present

Remotely: Councillor Lee Lyons.

Apology: Councillor Gavin Scott.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator - Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that it would be broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Board in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Date of Next Board Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Board meeting would be held on Thursday 8 February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 23 November 2023 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Update by Licensing Standards Officer

The Licensing Standards Officer advised

- (1) that January and February were traditionally quieter months for the hospitality trade as staff and customers recovered from the busy festive period, however, she was pleased to report that the Licensing Section was beginning to receive applications for transfer of premises to new operations; applications for variations to change and expand the use of the premises; applications for the grant of new premises licences; and early applications for the larger annual events in South Ayrshire;

- (2) that there was no doubt that customer expectations and needs had changed considerably over the past few years and the licensed trade had to adapt accordingly; and
- (3) that the early months of the year provided an opportunity to ensure that all staff training was up to date and to seek information and guidance regarding future plans; and that, with this in mind she reminded the licensed trade that she was available to visit premises over the next few months and that she would be able to confirm dates for staff training in the Carrick area in the following weeks.

The Chair then encouraged the trade to enrol for the training event provided by the LSO and to accept the information provided by her to assist the trade during these challenging times; and commented that applications being received for new premises was very encouraging.

The Board

Decided: to note the Licensing Standards Officer's update.

5. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a report (issued – Members only) of December 2023 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of six Personal Licences.

Following a question from a Board Member, the Licensing Standards Officer advised that when a licence was revoked, the Premises Licence Holder and Premises Manager were contacted to ensure that they were not in breach of their licence and were aware that a new Premises Manager would require to be appointed.

The Board

Decided: to note the revocation of six Personal Licences since the last Board meeting.

6. **Applications for Transfers Granted Under Delegated Powers**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 19 December 2023 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the following determination of applications for the Transfer of Licences between the last Board meeting and this Board:-

- (1) Kirkmichael Arms, 2-5 Straiton Road. Kirkmichael - transferred to West Coast Hospitality Group Ltd on 30 November 2023;
- (2) The West Coast House, 27 Knockcushan Street, Girvan - transferred to John Stewart on 5 December 2023; and
- (3) Savoy Park Hotel, 16 Racecourse Road, Ayr - transferred to Savoy Park Hotel Management Ltd on 8 December 2023.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfers granted under delegated powers.

7. **Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**

(a) **Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence**

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

Pizzaioli Limited

Premises

Pizzaioli
37 Sandgate
Ayr

The Board first considered the issue of locality for the purposes of this application and decided (with the agreement of the applicant's representative) that 500m of the applicant premises would be the appropriate locality for consideration of this application.

The core hours sought:

On Sale Every Day 10:00 – 00:30
Off Sale Every Day 10:00 – 22:00

The applicant has requested an additional hour during the festive period 1st December to 2nd January each year.

Having heard from the applicant's representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(b) **Application for Variation of Premises Licence**

The Board considered the following application:-

Applicant

Costley and Costley Hoteliers Limited

Premises

Lochgreen House Hotel
Monktonhill Road
Troon

Variations to the existing ground floor Layout Plan comprise (1) incorporation of the newly constructed garden room within the Layout Plan, (2) incorporation of the conservatory extension adjacent to the function suite in the Layout Plan and (3) adjustment of the external drinking area as outlined in green on the Layout Plan. Increase capacity from 350 to 370 persons. Increase in dimensions of public areas from 572.07sq metres to 939.07sq metres

The Board heard from the Depute Clerk to the Board, the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative.

Following discussion on disabled access and installation of a stairlift in the garden room, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application and noted that the installation and approval of the stairlift would be a matter for the Council's Buildings Standards service to deal with under their legislation.

(c) **Application for Extended Hours**

The Board considered the following application:-

Applicant

Buzzworks Inns Limited

Premises

Treehouse
67 Sandgate
Ayr

Superbowl 2024 – 11 February 2024 – midnight to 3.30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and from the applicant's representative, the Board granted the above application.

(d) **Application for the Review of a Premises Licence – SXA Retail Ltd for Links, 11 Templehill, Troon**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) dated 19 December 2023 requesting a review of the Premises Licence of the above premises on the grounds of the non-compliance of a Notice issued to the licence holder under Section 14 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 that no annual fee payment had been made and there had been no contact from the Premises Licence Holder or Premises Manager.

Having heard the Depute Clerk to the Board advise that, as the annual fee had now been paid, this request for a review now fell; and the Licensing Standards Officer confirm that she was no longer requesting a review as this was not required, the Board

Decided: to take no further action in relation to this matter.

(e) **Premises Licences Ceasing to Exist**

The Board noted that the following licences have now ceased to exist as the licences had been surrendered:-

- (1) Ayr Curling Club, 9 Limekiln Road, Ayr – surrendered 09/11/23; and
- (2) Central Bar, 69 Main Street, Dailly, premises sold May 2023. No application for transfer received, therefore licence lapsed.

The Board

Decided: to note the Premises Licence ceasing to exist.

8. **Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance and concluded the meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.