

Application for Occasional Licence

Applicant	Premises	Event	Dates Requested	Times Requested
Nan Li	Blairquhan Castle Straiton Maybole	Wedding	05.04.2024 to 06.04.2024	Fri: 15.00 – 00.00 Sat: 12.00 – 01.00* *outwith Board Policy
Nan Li	Blairquhan Castle Straiton Maybole	Wedding	03.05.2024 to 04.05.2024	Fri: 15.00 – 00.00 Sat: 12.00 – 01.00* *outwith Board Policy
Nan Li	Blairquhan Castle Straiton Maybole	Wedding	24.05.2024 to 25.05.2024	Fri: 15.00 – 00.00 Sat: 12.00 – 01.00* *outwith Board Policy

Nan Li– Blairquhan Castle, Straiton
Occasional Licence Applications – 5th & 6th April 3rd & 4th May, 24th & 25th May 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence applications made for Weddings to be held in the public rooms and grounds of Blairquhan Castle at Straiton.

The applications are for Wedding Celebrations which will begin at 3pm on the Friday afternoon and extend until 12 midnight and resume at 12 midday on the Saturday with a terminal hour of 1am the following Sunday morning.

The terminal hour of 1am is not able to be granted under delegated powers and thus the application has to be considered at a Licensing Board meeting.

This venue has made regular applications to the Board over the last few years for Weddings and similar events and there have been no complaints or concerns reported as a result of the additional hours.

In the recent update to the Licensing Policy Statement, South Ayrshire Board added the following statement:

' The Board recognises that there are some venues which operate events such as weddings, on a regular basis with the benefit of Occasional Licences, and there are therefore applicants who appear before the Board throughout the year with applications for a terminal hour beyond 12 midnight. Where the applicant and venue are known to the Board and the application is for the type of event and hours that have previously been granted to the premises with no negative feedback from Police Scotland, the Licensing Standards Officer and the local community, the Board may grant the Clerk delegated powers for future similar applications. This decision would be taken at a Board meeting in relation to applications for a period of 12 months, subject to agreement with the consultees.'

Considering the above, I have no objections to the grant of these Occasional Licences and I would ask the Board to agree the delegated powers for the Clerk to allow any similar applications up until 31st December 2024 to be granted without the requirement of a Board meeting, if the required criteria is met.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
22nd February 2024