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To:- Councillors Grant (Chair) Brennan-Whitefield, Kilbride, Lyons, Pollock, Scott and Townson.

Dear Councillor

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

You are requested to participate in the meeting of the above Board to be held on **Thursday, 7 March 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

This meeting will be held on a hybrid basis in County Hall for Elected Members with a remote option, will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/>

Please note that a briefing meeting will take place for all Board Members at 9.15 a.m., online and in the Prestwick Committee Room.

Yours sincerely

CATRIONA CAVES
Clerk to the Licensing Board

B U S I N E S S

1. Declarations of Interest.
2. Date of Next Board Meeting – 18 April 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
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SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 8 February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors William Grant (Chair), Martin Kilbride, Bob Pollock and Gavin Scott.

Present

Remotely: Councillor Laura Brennan-Whitefield.

Apologies: Councillors Lee Lyons and Duncan Townson.

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; R. Anderson, Committee Services Assistant; and E. Moore, Clerical 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 7 March 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 11 January 2024 (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 the recent weather had proved challenging for encouraging customers to visit licensed premises which had resulted in a number of premises creating successful themed events and activities and taking the opportunity to introduce new menus and ideas;
- (2) that some on-sales premises had decided to condense opening hours and reduce trading days to take advantage of the optimum trading times and allow all staff to have the same days off to promote a more positive working environment and prevent paying additional energy costs;

- (3) that some premises in South Ayrshire were currently closed temporarily for either a post-Christmas break, were for sale or were under renovation; and that a number of new operators had come to South Ayrshire in the past few months investing in existing premises;
- (4) that with a number of significant events taking place in the area over the next few months such as the Scottish Grand National, the Pavilion Festival and the Open Golf Championships, the Licensing Service were currently working with those involved and surrounding premises to ensure that the liquor licence applications were received timeously and that they represented the needs of the event, lessened impact on the community and adhered to the Board's policy; and
- (5) that a number of applications over the next few months ranging from occasional licences to variations had been developed as a result of discussion and consultation with her and the Licensing Team and that the opportunity to provide information and guidance in relation to this had been welcomed.

The Chair advised that the Board appreciated that the winter months were challenging for licensed premises and was aware of the additional operating costs this year, however, the Board had recently updated its Statement of Licensing Policy and was open to considering variations to allow licence holders to maximise the use of their premises.

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

5. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued – Members only) of 25 January 2024 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of fourteen Personal Licences.

The Board

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

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

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 25 January 2024 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) 2/4 Lawson Street, Ayr – transferred to Swinton LIC Ltd on 21 December 2023;
- (2) Abbotsford Hotel, 14 Corsehill Road, Ayr – transferred to Southern Ayr Ltd on 21 December 2023;
- (3) Smokehouse, 1B Alloway Place, Ayr – transferred to Firm of Ayr India on 11 January 2024;
- (4) Pro Soccer, Glenmuir Place, Ayr - transferred to Shoot Soccer Limited on 12 January 2024;
- (5) No. 8 Bar and Grill, 8-10 Fullarton Street, Ayr – transferred to M.E.T. Corporate Ltd on 17 January 2024;
- (6) Spar, 124 St Quivox Road, Prestwick – transferred to Local Convenience Hub Ltd on 23 January 2024;

- (7) Venue 38, 38A Carrick Street, Ayr – transferred to Onayr Media CIC on 22 January 2024; and
- (8) 112-114 Main Street, Prestwick – transferred to Melli Limited on 25 January 2024.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfers granted under delegated powers.

Variation in Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order No. 13.3, the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

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

(a) **Personal Licence Review Under Section 83(7) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Lewis Dunlop Boyd**

There was submitted a letter from Police Scotland (issued to Members only) dated 17 January 2024 advising the Board of convictions accrued by Lewis Dunlop Boyd; and a report (issued to Members only) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board dated 31 January 2024 outlining the options open to the Board on considering this review.

Having heard from the Depute Clerk to the Board, the Board agreed that the grounds for the Review had been met and, therefore, agreed to hear the terms of the Review.

The Board then heard from Police Scotland in relation to the reasons for requesting this Review and from the licence holder and, following questions, adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Board, having outlined its concerns at the licence holder's poor judgement and decision making and his lack of awareness,

Decided: to revoke the licence currently held by Lewis Boyd for the purposes of the licensing objectives preventing crime and disorder and securing public safety; and as he was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

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

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

Lewis Boyd

Premises

The Swan
20 Portland Street
Troon

The Board first considered the issue of locality for the purposes of this application and decided (with the agreement of the applicant) that 300m 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

Having heard from the applicant, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(c) Application for Extended Hours

The Board considered the following application:-

Applicant

The Ghillie Dhu Limited

Premises

The Ghillie Dhu
11 Burns Statue Square
Ayr

Superbowl Final 2024 – 11 February 2024 – 1.00 a.m. to 3.30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and from the applicant's representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(d) Applications for Occasional Licences.

The Board considered the following applications:

Applicant

(1) Samantha Finnie

Premises

Pavilion Food Village and Bar
Ayr Pavilion
Pavilion Road
Ayr

Food led with alcohol day to day service – 29/03/24 to 11/04/24 – on-sale from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

(2) Samantha Finnie

Pavilion Food Village and Bar
Ayr Pavilion
Pavilion Road
Ayr

Food led with alcohol day to day service – 12/04/24 to 25/04/24 – on-sale from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Premises</u>
(3) Samantha Finnie	Pavilion Food Village and Bar Ayr Pavilion Pavilion Road Ayr
Food led with alcohol day to day service – 26/04/24 to 09/05/24 – on-sale from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.	
(4) Samantha Finnie	Pavilion Food Village and Bar Ayr Pavilion Pavilion Road Ayr
Food led with alcohol day to day service – 10/05/24 to 23/05/24 – on-sale from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.	
(5) Samantha Finnie	Pavilion Food Village and Bar Ayr Pavilion Pavilion Road Ayr
Food led with alcohol day to day service – 24/05/24 to 06/06/24 – on-sale from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.	
(6) Samantha Finnie	Pavilion Food Village and Bar Ayr Pavilion Pavilion Road Ayr
Food led with alcohol day to day service – 07/06/24 to 20/06/24 – on-sale from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.	

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and from the applicant in response, the Board

Decided: to grant applications (1) to (6) above subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that delegated powers be granted to the Depute Clerk to grant future successive Occasional Licence applications, provided they mirror the original applications;
- (b) that the applicant be instructed that if any changes are proposed for the use of the area (such as the introduction of live music) that this must be highlighted on future applications to allow it to be considered;
- (c) that a condition be added to the Occasional Licence to state that 'All staff must be trained in accordance with the Licensing (Training of staff) (Scotland) Regulations 2007'; and
- (d) that a condition be added to the Occasional Licence to state the area utilised must be covered by CCTV.

8. **Gambling Act 2005**

(a) **Application for Bingo Premises Licence**

Applicant

Merkur Slots UK Ltd

Premises

Merkur Slots
244-246 High Street
Ayr

Having heard from the Depute Clerk to the Board and from the applicant's representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

9. **Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance and concluded the meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.35 a.m.

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SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**REPORT BY THE CLERK
TO THE LICENSING BOARD
OF 7 MARCH 2024**

Subject: Revocation of Personal Licences

1. Purpose

To advise members on the revocations of personal licences.

2. Recommendation

To note the terms of the report

3. Background

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 introduced personal licences. It is a condition of the personal licence that (a) the applicant undertakes refresher training within five years of the date of issue of the licence and (b) no later than 3 months after the expiry of five years from the date of issue produces evidence of the training to the Board. Failure to complete either part of the process means that the Board must revoke the personal licence. (Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 section 87(3))

4. Current Position

Since the last report to the Board, a further 12 personal licences have been revoked under delegated powers. All licence holders affected have been advised by post to their last known address of the revocation of their licences. Revoked licence holders can still take refresher training and then reapply for another personal licence although there is a cost of £50 for the new application. (There is no fee payable if the refresher training is completed and intimated to the Board on time.)

Author and Person to Contact.

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Date. 22nd February 2024



**REPORT BY CLERK TO THE LICENSING BOARD
TO LICENSING BOARD OF 7th MARCH 2024**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER GRANTED BETWEEN 8 FEBRUARY 2024 AND
7 MARCH 2024**

1. Purpose.

To advise Board Members of the determination of applications for Transfer of licences for the period between the last Board meeting and the present one.

2. Recommendations.

The Board are requested to note the report.

3. Background.

Applications for transfer are now dealt with under delegated powers except if any of the parties or connected persons have a relevant offence.

4. Considerations.

(1) Viva Garden, 61 Main Street, Prestwick

The above premises licence was transferred to Gaik Keow Gan on 6th February 2024.

(2) 114-116 Hillfoot Road, Ayr

The above premises licence was transferred to RS Scot Limited on 8th February 2024.

5. Resource Implications.

None

6. Results of Public Consultation.

None

Background Papers. Nil

Author and Person to Contact.

Laura McChristie, Depute Clerk, County Buildings, Wellington
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Tel. (01292) 612475

Date. 22nd February 2024

Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Shabaz Ahmad	Costcutter Barassie 23 Lang Road Troon			
	Existing Licensed Hours		Proposed Licensing Hours	
	On Sales	Off Sales	On Sales	Off Sales
Monday		10.00 – 22.00		10.00 – 22.00
Tuesday		10.00 – 22.00		10.00 – 22.00
Wednesday		10.00 – 22.00		10.00 – 22.00
Thursday		10.00 – 22.00		10.00 – 22.00
Friday		10.30 – 22.00		10.30 – 22.00
Saturday		10.30 – 22.00		10.30 – 22.00
Sunday		12:30 – 22.00		10.00 – 22.00
Change premises name from Barassie Day to Day to Costcutter Barassie				
Change to Sunday operating hours				
Permit recorded (background) music				
Nominate new premises manager				

Application for Extended Hours

	Applicant	Premises	Event	Date(s) Requested	Times Requested
1.	M.E.T. Corporate Ltd	Skinny Malinky's 7-9 Arthur Street Ayr	Easter Sunday	31 March 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
2.	M.E.T. Corporate Ltd	Skinny Malinky's 7-9 Arthur Street Ayr	Pavilion Festival and May Bank Holiday	4 to 5 May 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
3.	M.E.T. Corporate Ltd	Skinny Malinky's 7-9 Arthur Street Ayr	Scottish Grand National	19 to 12 April 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
4	M.E.T. Corporate Ltd	Skinny Malinky's 7-9 Arthur Street Ayr	May Bank Holiday	26 May 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
5.	Sprig Limited	Printhouse 154 High Street Nile Court Ayr	Rock the Nile	30 March 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
6.	Sprig Limited	Printhouse 154 High Street Nile Court Ayr	Easter Sunday	31 March 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
7.	Sprig Limited	Printhouse 154 High Street Nile Court Ayr	Scottish Grand National	19 to 20 April 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
8.	Sprig Limited	Printhouse 154 High Street Nile Court Ayr	Pavilion Festival and May Bank Holiday	4 to 5 May 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
9.	Sprig Limited	Printhouse 154 High Street Nile Court Ayr	May Bank Holiday	26 May 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
10	Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Limited	Vinyl 1-5 Arthur Street Ayr	New Venue Launch	29 March 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
11.	Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Limited	Vinyl 1-5 Arthur Street Ayr	Easter Sunday	31 March 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy

	Applicant	Premises	Event	Date(s) Requested	Times Requested
12.	Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Limited	Vinyl 1-5 Arthur Street Ayr	Scottish Grand National	19 to 20 April 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
13	Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Limited	Vinyl 1-5 Arthur Street Ayr	Private Ticketed Event - Celebrating a Turnover of £1billion	26 April 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
14.	Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Limited	Vinyl 1-5 Arthur Street Ayr	Pavilion Festival and May Bank Holiday	4 to 5 May 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy
15.	Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Limited	Vinyl 1-5 Arthur Street Ayr	May Bank Holiday	26 May 2024	02:30 - 03:30* *Outwith Board Policy

M.E.T Corporate Ltd – Skinny Malinkys (to be Mulligans), Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 4th & 5th May 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises which is situated in Arthur Street in Ayr.

The application requests a terminal hour of 3.30am on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 2024 and refers to 'an event of local or national significance' with the reason given as 'Pavilion Festival weekend and May Bank Holiday'.

Members will be aware that the successful two day music festival will be returning to Ayr Low Green in May this year. In 2023 the event attracted huge crowds to the area and many local licensed premises benefitted from extended hours to make the most of the extra people in the area.

The 'music festival' on Ayr low green has already attracted both local and national press attention and I understand the organisers are seeking larger capacity for this years event. When the festival closes at 10.30pm, many customers aim to continue their evening locally and these premises have advised they hope to offer an alternative to a 'nightclub style' environment. They offer food service and have various seating options as well as a dance floor and DJ/band space.

These premises did enjoy extended hours for this event last year with no issues reported to licensing.

Considering the above and the significant nature of the Ayr Pavilion festival, I have no objection to the extended hours as requested.

I would however draw the Board's attention to the fact that these premises were taken over by a new operator in July 2023 and we are currently in receipt of an application to vary the premises licence. This application seeks to change the name of the premises to Mulligans but also alters the core hours to a finish time of 1.30am (instead of 2.30am). This will mean that once the variation is granted any future extended hours application will allow a 2.30am finish time instead of 3.30am.

Members should note that the application they are currently considering is for two days in May 2024 and the application for variation could be complete and considered at a Board meeting before this. That would mean that by granting the 3.30am terminal hours today, it could possibly equate to 2 additional hours by the time of the event if the variation has already been granted. The Board is within their policy to grant more than one additional hour (provided this is not beyond 3.30am), however should be aware that if they chose to grant 3.30am today, this decision will stand regardless of whether the variation is granted.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
21st February 2024

M.E.T. Corporate Ltd – Skinny Malinkys (to be Mulligans), Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Applications
31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday
19th & 20th April 2024 – Scottish Grand National Festival
26th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises which is situated in Arthur Street in Ayr.

The applications request a terminal hour of 3.30am which equates to an additional trading hour and each refers to 'an event of local or national significance'. The 'events' in question are all annual dates on the calendar which have always been recognised by the Board and for which these and other premises have enjoyed an additional trading hour.

These particular premises were taken over by the current operator in July 2023 and provide food during the day and a variation has been lodged by the licence holder to alter the core hours to allow opening from 11am until a terminal hour of 1.30am (currently 12noon until 2.30am).

I have no objections to the grant of these Occasional Licences as they all represent events of local or national significance and associated holiday dates in South Ayrshire:

31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday
19th & 20th April 2024 – Scottish Grand National Festival
26th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

I would ask the Board to consider granting delegated powers to the Depute Clerk to grant further applications to this venue for 'events of local or national significance' that have been previously recognised and who do not receive any negative reports from the LSO or Police Scotland up to 31st December 2024. This would prevent this type of application (with the latest terminal hour of 3.30am) having to be considered at a Board meeting if there were no objections. If the Board were in agreement this would not include any 'special events to be catered for on the premises' or any suggested dates of 'local or national significance' that have not previously been granted.

However it should be noted that once the variation application has been granted and the core hours change, applications for extended hours (of one hour) will not exceed 2.30am and therefore will not require to be considered at a Board meeting, unless any objections are received.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
21st February 2024

Sprig Ltd – Printhouse, Nile Court, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 30th March 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises which is situated in Nile Court in Ayr which is a mixed residential and commercial area.

The application requests a terminal hour of 3.30am on Saturday 8th April 2023 and refers to 'a special event to be catered for on the premises' with the reason given as 'Rock the Nile'.

These premises have developed the 'Rock the Nile' event over the past years and their website shows photos of previous years and the development of this event.

The concept is unique to the premises and is billed as a 'family event' during the day with attendance by a number of 'Bikers' who also display their bikes in Nile Court outside the premises. The evening entertainment continues with the rock theme which provides an alternative music choice and a different target audience for this specific date.

Last year the event was granted extended hours and was a very well attended raising money for charity.

Considering the above I am satisfied that there is a unique and significant event taking place on the premises and one which the Board has previously supported as a reason for extension of trading hours.

This application requests hours beyond 2.30am and therefore under the Board's current policy it is unable to be granted under delegated powers and must be decided at a Board meeting.

I can confirm that these premises do apply for and are regularly granted additional trading hours until 3.30am throughout the year.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
20th February 2024

Sprig Ltd – Printhouse, Nile Court, Ayr
Extended Hours Applications
31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday
19th & 20th April 2024 – Scottish Grand National Festival
26th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises which is situated in Nile Court in Ayr.

The applications request a terminal hour of 3.30am which equates to an additional trading hour and each refers to 'an event of local or national significance'. The 'events' in question are all annual dates on the calendar which have always been recognised by the Board and for which these and other premises have enjoyed an additional trading hour.

These particular premises are established as a late night opening venue and unlike the other premises who have the ability to open late, these premises operate regularly at weekends on a weekly basis. As there is a multi agency joint action group who focus on introducing resources to this geographical part of Ayr on dates when larger numbers are expected in the area, these early applications are welcome as they will help with forward planning, both for the venue and for the partner agencies.

I have no objections to the grant of these Occasional Licences as they all represent events of local or national significance and associated holiday dates in South Ayrshire:

31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday
19th & 20th April 2024 – Scottish Grand National Festival
26th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

I would ask the Board to consider granting delegated powers to the Depute Clerk to grant further applications to this venue for 'events of local or national significance' that have been previously recognised and who do not receive any negative reports from the LSO or Police Scotland up to 31st December 2024. This would prevent this type of application (with the latest terminal hour of 3.30am) having to be considered at a Board meeting if there were no objections. If the Board were in agreement this would not include any 'special events to be catered for on the premises' or any suggested dates of 'local or national significance' that have not previously been granted.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
19th February 2024

Sprig Ltd – Printhouse, Nile Court, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 4th & 5th May 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises which is situated in Nile Court in Ayr.

The application requests a terminal hour of 3.30am on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 2024 and refers to 'an event of local or national significance' with the reason given as 'Ayr Pavilion Festival Weekend'.

Members will be aware of the two day music festival that debuted on Ayr Low Green on 29th & 30th April 2023 which proved to be a very busy and successful event for the area and for which a number of local venues enjoyed additional trading hours.

This event is again in the planning stages and will obtain an Occasional Licence to allow it to go ahead with an even larger anticipated crowd in May this year.

I am aware that the operator of Printhouse has links with the Pavilion Festival organiser and the headlining DJ played at the venue early in his career. Last year this venue successfully operated additional trading hours during the weekend for those who wished to continue to celebrate following the terminal hour of the festival and hosted some of the performers from the vent itself.

As these are one of a number of premises within Ayr Town Centre who regularly operate beyond 1am, they already comply with the mandatory conditions regarding Stewarding, CCTV, First Aider, Personal Licence Holders, toilet checks and Drug and Evacuation policies and therefore the systems in place will be similar to those provided at the 'music festival' itself but with a smaller capacity crowd. These premises have managed to maintain a regular weekly clientele and operate in a 'nightclub-style' manner and thus the application to extend the hours for a relevant local event is likely to be anticipated by patrons.

Having spoken direct to the operator and considering a similar application was granted to these premises last year with no reported issues, I have no objections to the extended hours as requested.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
20th February 2024

Ultimate Leisure Ltd – Vinyl, Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 29th March 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises, which is situated in the Boswell Park area of Ayr, which is a mainly commercial area.

The application requests a terminal hour of 3.30am on Friday 29th March 2024 and refers to 'a special event to be catered for on the premises' with the reason given as 'Venue Launch'.

These premises were transferred to the current operator in 2017 and initially were opened as a traditional 'nightclub-style' venue who opened regularly mainly at weekends to offer patrons the opportunity to continue their evening with music and dancing once the other food or drink led premises had closed.

Although the venue enjoyed core hours from 12noon until 2.30am Monday to Sunday, it generally only made use of hours from 10pm one day a week and the weekend.

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 introduced more flexibility with hours for all premises and thus many now operate as a 'multi use' venue which offers food and drink during the daytime and music and entertainment later at night, thus removing any 'category' of licence that previously existed under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976. Although this now ensures more choice and variety for patrons, it has also adversely affected any venue that was built to focus specifically on one 'type' of hospitality and has had a significant impact on the previously successful 'nightclub' industry.

This has also been affected by the Covid pandemic which had an overall effect on hospitality premises, particularly in Scotland and which changed the way in which people socialise.

As a result of the above, I have met with the operator who has advised it is their intention to provide further investment in their venue and to focus on an 'events led' business as opposed to a regular weekly opening, which has proved successful for other similar venues.

With this in mind, the operator has advertised the 're-opening' of the Venue in its 'new' format and thus are applying for additional hours for this special 'launch night'. This is being described as a 'special event to be catered for on the premises and tickets will be available for purchase on the internet. There are a number of special entertainments planned for the evening and I have discussed these with the operator and accept that in order to establish the venue for events, it is necessary to have extended hours on that evening to make it memorable.

Considering the above I have no objections to the Extended Hours as requested, although Board members may have additional questions for the operator.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
19th February 2024

Ultimate Leisure (Scotland) Ltd – Vinyl, Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Applications
31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday
19th & 20th April 2024 – Scottish Grand National Festival
26th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to recent Extended Hours applications submitted for the above premises which is situated in Arthur Street in Ayr.

The applications request a terminal hour of 3.30am which equates to an additional trading hour and each refers to 'an event of local or national significance'. The 'events' in question are all annual dates on the calendar which have always been recognised by the Board and for which these and other premises have enjoyed an additional trading hour.

These particular premises are established as a late night opening venue and have recently advised that instead of a regular weekend trading, they will focus on an 'events led' calendar and these applications reflect this pattern. As there is a multi agency joint action group who focus on introducing resources to this geographical part of Ayr on dates when larger numbers are expected in the area, these early applications are welcome as they will help with forward planning, both for the venue and for the partner agencies.

I have no objections to the grant of these Occasional Licences as they all represent events of local or national significance and associated holiday dates in South Ayrshire:

31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday
19th & 20th April 2024 – Scottish Grand National Festival
26th May 2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

I would ask the Board to consider granting delegated powers to the Depute Clerk to grant further applications to this venue for 'events of local or national significance' that have been previously recognised and who do not receive any negative reports from the LSO or Police Scotland up to 31st December 2024. This would prevent this type of application (with the latest terminal hour of 3.30am) having to be considered at a Board meeting if there were no objections. If the Board were in agreement this would not include any 'special events to be catered for on the premises' or any suggested dates of 'local or national significance' that have not previously been granted.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
19th February 2024

Ultimate Leisure Ltd – Vinyl, Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 26th April 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises, which is situated in the Boswell Park area of Ayr, which is a mainly commercial area.

The application requests a terminal hour of 3.30am on Friday 26th April 2024 and refers to ‘a special event to be catered for on the premises’ with the reason given as ‘Building Ashley – One in a Billion’.

These premises are seeking one additional trading hour to celebrate a very successful local business who are celebrating a turnover of £1.8 billion and also of helping to develop the local area and secure work and employment within the local community.

This ‘event’ is therefore a private hire and will not be ‘open to the public’, instead entry will be by ‘invitation only’ and guests will be required to produce an invitation to gain entry.

Having discussed this event with the operator I am satisfied that it meets the criteria for a special event and due to the unusual nature of the hire and the celebration of such a considerable achievement I understand the request for additional hours on this occasion.

Considering the above I have no objections to the Extended Hours as requested, although Board members may have additional questions for the operator.

I would however like to note that the Extended Hours application system is designed to offer the opportunity of additional trading hours for specific events and is not a way to secure additional trading hours in lieu of a variation to the operating plan. As these premises have indicated their intention to operate as an ‘events led’ business, I would remind the operator that it would be against the Board’s policy to grant Extended Hours when a variation application may be more appropriate.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
19th February 2024

Ultimate Leisure Ltd – Vinyl, Arthur Street, Ayr
Extended Hours Application – 4th & 5th May 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Extended Hours application submitted for the above premises, which is situated in the Boswell Park area of Ayr, which is a mainly commercial area.

The application requests a terminal hour of 3.30am on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May 2024 and refers to 'an event of local or national significance' with the reason given as 'Ayr Pavilion Festival Weekend'.

Members will be aware of the two day music festival that debuted on Ayr Low Green on 29th & 30th April 2023 which proved to be a very busy and successful event for the area and for which a number of local venues enjoyed additional trading hours.

This event is again in the planning stages and will obtain an Occasional Licence to allow it to go ahead with an even larger anticipated crowd in May this year.

I am aware that the operator of Vinyl has links with the Pavilion Festival organiser and that last year they successfully operated additional trading hours during the weekend for those who wished to continue to celebrate following the terminal hour of the festival.

As these are one of a number of premises within Ayr Town Centre who regularly operate beyond 1am, they already comply with the mandatory conditions regarding Stewarding, CCTV, First Aider, Personal Licence Holders, toilet checks and Drug and Evacuation policies and therefore the systems in place will be similar to those provided at the 'music festival' itself but with a smaller capacity crowd. These premises have also recently advertised their intention to operate as an 'events led' venue and thus a significant local event/weekend such as this is an opportunity to take advantage of demand in the area.

Having spoken direct to the operator and considering a similar application was granted to these premises last year with no reported issues, I have no objections to the extended hours as requested.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
19th February 2024

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