

**Application for Occasional Licence**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Premises</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates Requested</b>	<b>Times Requested</b>
Steven Mackie	Low Green Esplanade Ayr	Pavilion Festival	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	On Sale 12:00 – 22:45* *Outwith Board Policy
Jill Tomlinson	Monktonhill Farm Monktonhill Road Monkton Prestwick	Nigefest	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	On Sale 13:00 – 23:00* *Outwith Board Policy
Alastair McClymont	The Lairage Shed Whitefordhill Ayr	Annual County Rally Prizegiving	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	On Sale 21.00 – 01.00* *Outwith Board Policy

Steven Mackie – Personal Licence Holder  
Occasional Licence Application – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Steven Mackie, who is a personal licence holder, for the event being described as a 'two day music festival' on the Low Green in Ayr on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The application requests a licence from 12noon until 10.45pm each day for this outdoor site and can therefore not be granted under delegated powers.

In addition to this, the Occasional licence request includes the consumption of alcohol throughout the identified site, which again is an irregular occurrence in South Ayrshire, however it was granted by the Board to this event in 2024.

Members will be aware that the organising of the two day music event at the low green has been in the planning and consultation stage with other Council departments and partner agencies for some months now and that the Public Entertainment licence for this is being dealt with separately by a larger organised group. However, last years event at one point looked to be running behind time and the organisers were aware that it was not possible to exceed the curfew time on the Public Entertainment licence so for this reason the application is now for a 10.45pm terminal hour to build in a contingency in case of any delays.

With this information in mind, I have requested that the liquor licence application reflects the same timings as the Public Entertainment licence to ensure there are no issues on the day.

The application site for this event is a fenced off area of the Low Green at Ayr as per last year. The event is an over-18's only music concert with two bar areas (one within a VIP compound) and the other in the main area to the side of the stage. There will also be merchandise stalls, food units and a big wheel.

The Occasional Licence application requests that the Board grant a licence to the entire event space, which is contrary to licences previously granted by South Ayrshire Board, however reflects the licence that was granted last year and which I am happy to report worked well during my inspections at the time the event was operating.

I am however again requesting that the area surrounding the 'big wheel' is omitted from the licensed area as this would not be in keeping with the licensing objective; Securing public safety. The applicant should note this and ensure that the 'operator' of the big wheel and his staff are adequately briefed to ensure that no alcohol is stored or consumed within this area as this would breach the Byelaw in South Ayrshire as it is not covered by the Occasional Licence.

Having attended the event in 2023 and being aware of the positive feedback in relation to the operation of the liquor licence, I would support a terminal hour of 10.45pm, despite the Boards policy of generally granting no later than 10pm. As it is clear that the entertainment will continue until at least 10.30pm, I feel this would ensure there was no breach of the Byelaw regarding alcohol in a public space. Last year the applicant undertook to close the bar prior to the licensed hours and use the remaining time to encourage customers to 'drink up' and therefore dispose of their empty alcohol receptacles when leaving the event, rather than buy a late drink and consume it quickly or attempt to take it with them. I would encourage this practice by the applicant again this year.

In the interests of consistency in South Ayrshire in relation to other Occasional Licences granted previously and in the future, and to reflect the practice implemented by the Board at other large capacity outdoor venues, I would ask the Board to consider the following, some of which they may wish to include as conditions on the Occasional Licence:

- All alcohol is to be decanted and not served in glassware or bottles, however cans are permitted
- A refusals record should be kept at the bar areas and token sales booth/s as proof of diligence
- Training records should be available for all bar staff and each staff member should wear a badge to identify themselves to the police or LSO
- Drinking water should be available free of charge at identifiable areas

I would remind the Board and indeed the public that the grant of this Occasional Licence will only permit the consumption/possession of alcohol in the specified area of the Low Green in Ayr in relation to this event and the timings given and it will not be permitted for alcohol to be taken out with this area or out with these times. Therefore, grant of this licence will not allow persons not in attendance at this event to be in possession of alcohol on the Low Green.

Catrina Andrew  
Licensing Standards Officer  
25th March 2024

Jill Tomlinson – Personal Licence Holder  
Occasional Licence Application – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Jill Tomlinson, who is a personal licence holder, for the event being described as 'Nigefest', a music and entertainment event at Monktonhill Farm in Monkton on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The application requests a licence from 1pm until 11pm each day for this indoor and outdoor site and can therefore not be granted under delegated powers.

This family friendly event benefits from a public entertainment licence as it offers a number of activities and experiences aimed at a wide audience and there have been both on and off sales available over the years with the benefit of an occasional licence.

It is Board policy to generally not grant a liquor licence beyond 10pm for an outdoor venue, and having spoken to the applicant, whilst I am aware that the alcohol will be served from an indoor unit, there will be picnic tables and outside space for consumption of alcohol. With this in mind it is important that the liquor licence application reflects the same timings as the Public Entertainment licence to ensure there are no issues on the day.

I understand that at last year's event, many patrons on the day were keen to take advantage of the bus service that was organised to transport people from the venue to the train station and town centre at the end of the event and therefore may have had to wait on site until a space was available. The bar provider is therefore keen to ensure that the Occasional Licence this year is in line with the public entertainment licence to ensure that patrons are not consuming alcohol out with the times of the licence.

Having spoken to the applicant who is known to me as a regular bar operator, I would support a terminal hour of 11pm, despite the Boards policy of generally granting no later than 10pm for an outside area. As it is clear that the entertainment will continue until at least 10.30pm, I feel this would ensure there was no breach of the Byelaw regarding alcohol in a public space.

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Alastair McClymont – Personal Licence Holder  
Occasional Licence Application – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Alastair McClymont for the Annual Ayrshire Association of Young Farmers Clubs Rally Prize Giving and Dance which has been the subject of previous occasional licences from this Board.

The application requests a terminal hour of 1.00am, which is outwith the Board's Policy. However, the location of the event is the Whitefordhill Cattle Market, Ayr which is not a residential area and which neighbour noise and disturbance is unlikely to be an issue. Having spoken to the applicant about the event itself, which is a farming family event during the day followed by the prize giving and celebration dance in the evening, the licence has been applied for from 9pm and I note this will be an over 18's only event. This application times and purpose mirrors what was granted for this event over the past few years and the location is the Lairidge Shed at the Market which is a permanently constructed building.

On the basis that the event has been granted a 1.00am terminal hour the past few years and no negative reports have been received in relation to this and the applicant is known to me as a Personal Licence holder who regularly applies for Occasional Licences, I have no objections to the grant of this occasional licence.

Catrina Andrew  
Licensing Standards Officer  
4th April 2024