

REGULATORY PANEL (SPECIAL)

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
12 June 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in
County Hall: Councillors Kenneth Bell (Chair), Ian Cavana, Martin Kilbride and Alan Lamont.

Present
Remotely: Councillor Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Alec Clark, Mark Dixon, Mary Kilpatrick and Duncan Townson.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); H. Talbot, Co-ordinator (Building Standards); C. Carroll, Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy); J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Committee Services Assistant.

Also Attending: M. Gajic, Safety Officer, Ayr Racecourse; and R. Provan, Safety and Stadium Manager, Ayr United Football Club.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Co-ordinator (Licensing) called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Annual Inspection and Revised Safety Certificates for the Regulated Stands at Ayr Racecourse

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 5 June 2024 by the Director of Housing, Operations and Development advising of the outcome of the annual technical inspections at Ayr Racecourse; and seeking approval to extend the existing Safety Certificates for the two stands.

The Panel heard the Co-ordinator (Building Standards) advise that a site visit had been undertaken on 3 April 2024 and that all assessments, surveys, certification and reports were now in place with the exception of the Structural Certificate, which is signed off after the 2024 Maintenance Programme has been completed; highlight concerns within the Structural Report; and outline that Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Scottish Ambulance Service, St. Andrew's Ambulance Corps and the Council's Environmental Health Service had no adverse comments.

The Panel

Decided: to agree

- (1) that the current Safety Certificates should remain in force until 30 June 2024; and
- (2) that the revised Safety Certificates would come into force on 1 July 2024, for a period of one year.

4. Annual Inspection and Revised Safety Certificate for Somerset Park, Ayr.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 5 June 2024 by the Director of Housing, Operations and Development advising of the outcome of the annual technical inspections at Somerset Park, Ayr; and seeking approval to extend the existing Safety Certificates for the ground.

The Panel heard the Co-ordinator (Building Standards) advise that a site visit had been undertaken on 26 April 2024; that all assessments, surveys, certification and reports were now in place; that Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Scottish Ambulance Service, St. Andrew's Ambulance Corps and the Council's Environmental Health Service had no adverse comments; that the annual Structural Assessment Report had been received by the Council along with the required Structural Safety Certificate and that within the Report there were a number of maintenance works required and a schedule of works had been prepared and issued to AUFC for completion prior to 14 July 2024. He further advised that an inspection would be scheduled by Building Standards to confirm that all necessary works were completed by 14 July 2024 to the satisfaction of the Council.

Having heard Panel Members commend Ayr United FC for works undertaken in the past year, the Panel

Decided: to agree

- (1) that the current Safety Certificates should remain in force until 30 June 2024;
- (2) to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead (Planning and Building Standards) to grant the revised Safety Certificates from 1 July 2024, for a period of one year subject to matters being to the satisfaction of Building Standards following the inspection of 18 June 2024; and
- (3) that, should the inspection of 18 June 2024 not be to the satisfaction of Building Standards, this matter be referred back to this Panel for consideration.

2. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Short Term Lets

(i) 7 Craigweil Place, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy), from various objectors and from the applicant's representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(ii) **46 Churchill Tower, Ayr**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy), from one of the objectors and from the applicant's representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

Adjournment

The time being 11.50 a.m., the Panel adjourned for ten minutes.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting commenced at noon.

Councillor Mackay left the meeting at this point.

(iii) **20 Rowallan Court, Ayr**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy) and from the applicant's representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(iv) **50 Rowallan Court, Ayr**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy) and from the applicant's representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(v) **1 Donnini Court, Ayr**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy) and from the applicant's representative in relation to the above application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.