

South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum  
c/o South Ayrshire Council  
County Buildings  
Wellington Square  
Ayr

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Cllr. William Grant  
Chair  
South Ayrshire Licensing Board  
County Buildings  
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Dear Cllr. Grant,

### **Recent Board Decisions**

Following our recent meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August, I have been asked to write to you on behalf of South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum to express our support for the recent decisions the Board has made regarding Extended Hours and Occasional Licences.

As you will be aware a few members of the Forum always try to attend Board meetings to listen to the presentations made by the applicants and to hear the questions from members themselves as this gives a better reflection of the case than the minutes often reflect.

The Forum is aware of the recent update to the Board's policy statement and decisions that have been taken in the past year where the Board have deviated from their usual policy, having been convinced by individual applications. Forum members are supportive of this approach and in particular have noted the success of decisions such as;

- Allowing premises who applied later hours for the Superbowl
- Granting continuous Occasional Licences to an external area to allow them to operate as an 'outdoor premises'
- Permitting use of an outside drinking area attached to a premises licence beyond 10pm to show the Euros football on television screen

Also the Forum is pleased to note that the Board is willing to adhere strongly to their policy regarding any safety concerns such as no glass outside at large events. It was pleasing to note that despite welcoming the Golf Open, there were no exceptions given to the 'no glass' rule and the grant of the licence was consistent with what is usually granted in South Ayrshire.

Members of the Forum look forward to meeting with the Board at our annual meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Catrina Andrew  
Acting Chair  
South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum