

Application for Occasional Licence

| Applicant | Premises | Event | Dates Requested | Times Requested |
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| Helen Murray Hamilton | Maybole Town Hall High Street Maybole | Hogmanay Event with live band | 31 st December 2024 | On Sale 18:00 – 01:00* *Outwith Board Policy |
| Kate Henderson | Marquee within the courtyard of the Gibbsyard buildings at Auchincruive | Family friendly ticketed function | 31 st December 2024 | On Sale 16:00 – 01.00* *Outwith Board Policy |
| Stewart Brown | Dam Park Stadium Dam Park Road Ayr | Fireworks Display | 8 th November 2024 | On Sale 17.00 – 22.00 LSO report |

Helen Murray-Hamilton – Maybole Town Hall, Maybole .
Occasional Licence Application – 31st December 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made for a Hogmanay Event to take place in Maybole Town Hall.

The application is for an 18's and over event on New Year's Eve and will be held in the recently refurbished Town Hall in the high street in Maybole.

As the application requests a terminal hour of 1am it is outwith what can currently be granted under delegated powers, however due to the time of year the Board have recently granted later hours to other applicants as it is accepted that the majority of people in Scotland will have an expectation of hours beyond midnight.

Board members will be aware that Maybole Town Hall has recently re-opened following a considerable refurbishment and new sound systems have been installed for events and the design of the building has taken into account the type of activities normally held there.

This event includes live music and the Town Hall is near residential properties, however given the recent works and the fact this venue is regularly used for events, and that there are likely to be a number of other celebrations in the area at this time of year, the grant of this application is unlikely to cause any issues with regards to meeting the licensing objectives.

The applicant contacted the LSO earlier in the year to discuss various events and has now already successfully operated other dates in Maybole Town Hall. Therefore I am satisfied that the application complies with the Boards policy and the applicant is aware of the requirements.

I have no objections to the grant of the Occasional Licence as requested.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
7th October 2024

Kate Henderson – Gibbsyard Courtyard, Auchincruive.
Occasional Licence Application – 31st December 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made for a Hogmanay Function in a Marquee which will be situated in the courtyard adjacent to the Clocktower Restaurant at Auchincruive.

The application is for a family friendly event on New Year's Eve and will be catered to from Clock Tower restaurant which successfully operates with a liquor licence throughout the year. As the application requests a terminal hour of 1am it is outwith what can currently be granted under delegated powers, however due to the time of year the Board have recently granted later hours to other applicants as it is accepted that the majority of people in Scotland will have an expectation of hours beyond midnight.

Board members will be aware there has been a significant investment in the Gibbsyard steading over the past few years and it has developed into a popular destination amongst diners, dog walkers and people keen to enjoy a more rural environment. Although the planned event includes recorded music, this location has no nearby residential neighbours so noise and disturbance are unlikely to be an issue and therefore grant of this application is unlikely to cause any issues with regards to meeting the licensing objectives.

The applicant contacted the LSO in the planning stages of this event and therefore I am satisfied that it complies with the Boards policy. An application for an Occasional Licence has been granted under delegated powers for another similar event at this location earlier in the year as the terminal hour requested is midnight.

I have no objections to the grant of the Occasional Licence as requested.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
7th October 2024

Stewart Brown – Dam Park Stadium, Ayr .
Occasional Licence Application – 8th November 2024
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made for a Fireworks Display, which is being hosted by Ayr Rugby Club at Dam Park Stadium in Ayr on Friday 8th November 2024.

The application is for two alcohol serving areas (one trailer and one marquee) which it is proposed will be cited at either side of the main stand at the stadium.

Mr Brown is the proposed Bar provider for the event and the event organiser is Ayr Rugby Club who have requested alcohol is permitted throughout the event. I have advised that this would not be consistent with applications which have previously been granted in South Ayrshire and that a liquor licence would not be permitted in the area where a funfair will be provided.

Following this information the event organiser has requested that the licensed area covers the full site excluding the funfair (which is outlined in Blue on the attached plan).

The Fireworks display is a ticketed event which is currently in the process of obtaining a public entertainment licence and the numbers expected are between 5000 and 5500 and the event is being marketed as a 'family' event. I understand there will be food vendors as well as the fireworks display and fairground rides.

Members will be aware of the location of the Dam Park stadium and whilst I understand that a number of families may walk to the event, with the large numbers expected from all over Ayrshire there is no doubt that a number of attendees will be driving and parking nearby and therefore not be able to drink alcohol.

The applicant requests an Occasional Licence until 10pm which is within the Board's current policy and reflects the terminal hour requested for the Public Entertainment licence, however I have requested that the application is determined at a Board meeting as I have two main issues that I would ask members to consider;

- 1- The suitability/necessity for an Occasional Licence to cover the entire event space and allow alcohol to be consumed throughout the event
- 2- The suitability of granting a licence to the area covered by the concrete steps/stepped seating area at the front of the stadium

The event organiser has lodged a plan with the application to show the proposed alcohol area which is enclosed by the existing barriers and allows alcohol to be consumed throughout the event (excluding the funfair) but including the stand and the concrete steps/seats in front of the track (which can be seen on the attached photograph). Allowing this whole area to be licensed would be inconsistent with the applications already granted this year, including Ayr Agricultural Show, Armed Forces day and Pipes in the Park and the International Ayr Show, all of whom were also marketed as 'family' events.

The event program advises that gates will open at 5pm and this is the start time requested for the Occasional Licence, with the fireworks starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 7.45pm and the rides, food outlets and bars will close at 10pm.

The licensing department have received a total of 6 applications for Fireworks displays this year and this is the only one of those that had also applied for an Occasional Licence to allow alcohol at the event. It is also the first time that a liquor licence has been requested in South

Ayrshire for a Fireworks display, although I do accept that the Ayr Rugby Club premises in Alloway have previously hosted the Fireworks and would have been permitted to sell alcohol in specific areas of the premises due to the existence of a premises licence.

The proposed area for the liquor licence includes food outlets and some seating which does meet the Board's preferred layout for an alcohol area and is therefore similar in principle to other licences granted earlier this year. However, as LSO I have a concern about the licensed area incorporating the concrete steps at the front of the stand at the trackside. When granting a liquor licence it is a requirement to consider whether doing so would be inconsistent with the licensing objectives and I would suggest there may be a conflict with the licensing objective Securing Public Safety. Whilst I am aware that the Dam Park stadium is a sporting venue and one which has operated successfully for many years, I am concerned that the introduction of liquor consumption on the concrete steps in the evening when it will be dark and attendees are encouraged to look at a display in the sky, may not be in the interests of Public Safety.

If the Board are minded to grant a liquor licence for this event, members may wish to consider if it would be more appropriate to designate two specific, adequately delineated and stewarded areas for alcohol sales and consumption and to allow access for under 18's to one (or both) of these areas if there is also food vendors located within that space. This would then exclude the concrete steps/seats from the alcohol area and would also prevent the grant of a liquor licence for the whole event space, which would be consistent with the Board's policy.

In summary I would suggest that there are 3 potential options the Board may consider in relation to this application;

- 1- Grant the Occasional Licence as requested which includes alcohol sales and consumption throughout the whole event space excluding the funfair,
- 2- Agree on two specific areas outside each of the alcohol vending units (which excludes the concrete stepped space) and allow the access of under 18's to this space to utilise the food vendors,
- 3- To decide that grant of this application would be inconsistent with the licensing objectives protecting children and young people from harm and securing public safety and refuse the application.

It would be usual practice for the liquor licence to be discussed at the planning stage of this type of event, however whilst I can confirm that Council departments and external agencies have been involved in consideration of the Public Entertainment licence, unfortunately I was only recently made aware of the proposal to have liquor at this event. Therefore, it has not been possible at this late stage to provide the Board with a full proposal in advance that I believe would be consistent with our aims and objectives in South Ayrshire.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
7th October 2024



Photograph shows the concrete stepped area referred to in the LSO report



Photograph shows the front of the stadium and location of the stepped area

Plan shows proposed area for Occasional Licence as suggested by the applicant and event organiser

The yellow lined area shows the proposed extent of the alcohol consumption area which includes the stepped area and some of the track

The red lined area shows the extent of the site

The large blue area to the left shows the funfair area with the white arrow indicating the access to this area

The two bright blue spaces show the location of the bar/serving units

