

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 19 September 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Duncan Townson (Chair), Martin Kilbride, Bob Pollock and Gavin Scott.

Present

Remotely: Councillors Kenneth Bell and Laura Brennan-Whitefield.

Apology: Councillor William Grant

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator - Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; B. Seditas, Co-ordinator – Trading Standards and Environmental Health; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; K. Hancox, Committee Services Officer and C. McCallum, Committee Services Assistant.

Opening Remarks

The Depute Clerk to the Board

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that it would be broadcast live; and
- (2) thanked Councillor Lee Lyons for his assistance as a previous Member of the Board and welcomed Councillor Kenneth Bell as a new member to the Board.

1. Appointment of Chair

The Depute Clerk to the Board advised that, in the absence of Councillor Grant at today's meeting, the members of the Board present required to elect one of their members to act as Chair for today's meeting, and invited nominations.

Decided: unanimously, that Councillor Townson be appointed as Chair for today's meeting.

Councillor Townson then took the Chair.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Board in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Date of Next Board Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Board meeting would be held on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of Wednesday 21 August 2024 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Update by Licensing Standards Officer (LSO)

The Licensing Standards Officer advised

- (1) that the recent Ayrshow on the low green had benefited from an Occasional Licence granted to a personal licence holder who represented a company from the Glasgow area, who provided the public bar and VIP bar and sponsors area;
- (2) that she wished to commend the Council staff and stewards who had worked to ensure the licensed areas met the requirements and also provided a strong support to the bar provider to ensure that alcohol sold at the event did not leave the licensed area;
- (3) that additionally, there had been Occasional Licences granted to three other personal licence holders who offered off sales and sampling at the event. Each one of these licence holders (two of which were local) were keen to engage with licensing and were clear on the terms of the licence;
- (4) that a licensing de-brief meeting for the event had been organised for later in the year and that she was currently compiling comments and information from the wider licensed trade in South Ayrshire regarding the impact on their businesses during the Ayrshow. The success of the areas which benefited from a liquor licence was due to joint working and forward planning between the event management team and the licensing team and in her opinion there was a significant improvement in the seating areas that were made available for families within the licensed spaces;
- (5) that plans were now well underway for the festive season and that licence holders were encouraged to ensure that any applications for later hours or licensed events were lodged as early as possible to allow them to meet the deadlines and to give time for any consultations;
- (6) that annual fees for premises licences were now due and should be paid by 1st October 2024 and that there was no longer a 'renewal' for a premises licence, the annual fee must be paid to 'maintain' the licence and any premises who did not pay the fee may find their licence suspended prior to the festive season; and
- (7) that the licensing service were extremely busy, however anyone seeking information and guidance was encouraged to get in touch and that she was available to visit premises, committees, groups or individuals who required assistance.

Following a request from a Member of the Board to write to the Scottish Government and request that the Minimum Unit Price (MUP) for Alcohol is re-examined due to his concerns that this had a negative impact on the number of personal and premise licences that had been returned, the Board

Decided:

- (1) to note the update from the LSO; and
- (2) to request the Chief Governance Officer write to the Scottish Government to request the MUP to be re-examined, noting the issues raised by the Board.

6. **Letter from South Ayrshire Local Licensing Forum.**

The Licensing Standards Officer advised that a letter had been received from the Local Licensing Forum to the Licensing Board in support of recent Board decisions.

The Board

Decided: to note the update from the Local Licensing Forum.

7. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 5 September 2024 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocations of six Personal Licences.

The Board

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

8. **Applications for Transfers Granted under Delegated Powers**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 5 September 2024 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the following determination of an application for the Transfer of a Licence between the last Board meeting and this Board:-

(1) Horseshoe Bar, 81-83 George Street, Ayr – transferred to Taj Grocers Ltd on 16 August 2024.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfer granted under delegated powers.

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

(a) **Application for Variation of a Premises Licence**

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

Ayrshire Entertainments Limited

Premises

Ye Olde Forte Bar
39 South Harbour Street
Ayr

Removal of the condition 2 – “There shall be no live music on the Premises”

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

Decided: to grant the above application subject to the conditions recommended in the Acoustic Report by McIntyre Acoustics dated 24 July 2024 in respect of the premises.

(b) [Application for Occasional Licence](#)

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

Morean Hamilton

Premises

The Thistle Vintage Bus Bar
Urquhart Opticians
16 Miller Road
Ayr

Launch Party for new and existing practice clients using a bus parked on Miller Road.

On Sale - 28/09/24 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(c) [Application for Extended Hours](#)

The Board considered the following applications:

Applicant

(1) Christopher Stanley Morrison

Premises

Number Forty Seven

Ayr Gold Cup - 20/09/24 and 21/09/24
Friday – 02:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(2) Christopher Stanley Morrison

Premises

Number Forty Seven

Annual Ayrshire Real Ale Festival – 03/10/24 to 05/10/24
Thursday to Saturday - 02:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(3) Christopher Stanley Morrison

Premises

Number Forty Seven

Christmas Day – 25/12/24
Wednesday – 02:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(4) Christopher Stanley Morrison

Premises

Number Forty Seven

Halloween – 02/11/24

Saturday – 02:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(5) Christopher Stanley Morrison

Premises

Number Forty Seven

Winterstorm – 28/11/24 and 30/11/24

Thursday to Saturday - 02:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

10. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance and concluded the meeting.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.