

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 5 December 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors William Grant (Chair), Kenneth Bell, Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Martin Kilbride Bob Pollock and Duncan Townson.

Apology: Councillor Gavin Scott.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; K. Hancox, Committee Services Officer and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that it would be broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Date of Next Board Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Board meeting would be held on Thursday 16 January 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 24 October 2024 (issued) were submitted.

Decided: to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Update by Licensing Standards Officer (LSO)

The Licensing Standards Officer advised

- (1) that licensed premises in South Ayrshire were now benefiting from 'seasonal variations' to core hours if they had them included in their operating plan. In most cases this equated to an additional later hour trading which meant that some premises would be able to open until 3.30am on certain nights throughout December;
- (2) that premises were not obliged to use the hours that had been granted and there was no requirement to notify in advance of the intention to stay open, however, she had approached the premises managers and asked that they notify the Licensing Team of any nights they intended to host specific events or had a large number of bookings so that larger crowds could be anticipated in the area;

- (3) that members would be aware of the existence of the 'Reducing Violence' joint action group which focused on Ayr town centre and Prestwick, and which consisted of a number of partners who attempted to ensure there was support provided for people who were out enjoying a night out, with this including first aid, taxi marshalling, increased policing and the street pastors who engaged with the public. This support was provided throughout the year and she paid recognition to those people who gave up their time, particularly as volunteers to make this possible;
- (4) that a few of the Board members had recently met with the South Ayrshire Licensing Forum for their annual discussion which proved to be a very successful meeting with shared views regarding the minimum pricing legislation and family friendly events with alcohol. Forum members were able to provide the Board with examples of their own experiences and advise how both Government and Board policies were affecting the hospitality trade and the community in their area;
- (5) that it had been very positive to note that the Board had the full support of Forum members regarding decisions they had taken over the past year;
- (6) that whilst there was no doubt that this had been a particularly challenging year for the hospitality trade, it was pleasing to note that new operators were entering the licensed trade in South Ayrshire and this included re-opening premises that had been previously closed. There also continued to be investment in premises and she was aware of a few variation applications that should come before the Board early in 2025; and
- (7) that, as premises prepared for what was traditionally the busiest time of year for licensed premises, she acknowledged the support from the police licensing team in Kilmarnock and also from Inspector Ian McColl and his team of local officers who had assisted her throughout the year.

The Board

Decided: to note the update from the LSO.

5. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 20 November 2024 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocations of thirty-two Personal Licences.

The Board

Decided: to note the revocation of thirty-two Personal Licences since the last Board meeting.

6. **Applications for Transfers Granted Under Delegated Powers**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 18 November 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) Central Bar, 58 Main Street, Prestwick – transferred to James Andrew Griffith on 14 October 2024.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfer granted under delegated powers.

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

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

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

(1) Taj Grocers Ltd

Premises

Horseshoe Bar
81-83 George Street
Ayr

	Existing Licensed Hours		Proposed Licensing Hours	
	On Sales	Off Sales	On Sales	Off Sales
Monday	11:00 – 00:30	11:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	11:00 – 00:30	11:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Wednesday	11:00 – 00:30	11:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Thursday	11:00 – 00:30	11:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Friday	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Saturday	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Sunday	12:30 – 00:00	12:30 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00

Change premises name to “Family Shopper”.

Remove all activities associated with an On Sales premises.

Add the following to the operating plan: -

Off sales 10am to 10pm Monday – Sunday

Background music

Home delivery of food and alcohol

Parcel collection service

Food to go

Remove local condition of beer garden to be closed for the consumption of alcohol after 10pm.

Having heard from the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing and the applicant’s representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(b) **Application for Occasional Licence**

The Board considered the following applications:

Applicant

(1) Helen Murray Hamilton

Premises

Maybole Town Hall
High Street
Maybole

Marriage wedding celebration - On Sale – 12/04/2025 – 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.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) Buzzworks Property Ltd

Festive Season

23/12/24 – 00:30 a.m. to 02.30 a.m.

24/12/24 – 00:30 a.m. to 02:30 a.m.

26/12/24 – 02:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

30/12/24 – 00:30 a.m. to 02:30 a.m.

31/12/24 – 00:30 a.m. to 02:30 a.m.

Premises

The Buf
36 Main Street
Prestwick

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(2) Buzzworks Hospitality Ltd

Hogmanay

31/12/24 – 03:00 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Premises

Vic's and the Vine
132 Main Street
Prestwick

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, who confirmed that the Board at its meeting on 24 October 2024 had granted extended hours to 03:00a.m. for this premises for 31/12/24,

Decided: to refuse the above application to further extend hours to 03:30a.m., on the grounds that the Board had previously already granted extended hours to this premises for that date, and there had been no reason provided by the Applicant for the extra extension requested.

Applicant

(3) Ghillie Dhu

Final of Super Bowl

09/02/25 – 01:30 a.m. to 03:30 a.m.

Premises

Ghillie Dhu
11 Burns Statue Square
Ayr

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and the representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(4) Burnet (Fairfield Licence) Limited

Premises

Fairfield House Hotel
12 Fairfield Road
Ayr

Hogmanay Ball Party Night – 31/12/24 – 00:30 a.m. to 02:00 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and the representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(5) RAD Ltd

Premises

Carlton Hotel
187 Ayr Road
Prestwick

Hogmanay Ball Party Night – 31/12/24 – 00:30 a.m. to 02:00 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and the representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(d) **Premises Licences Ceasing to Exist**

The Board noted that the following licences now ceased to exist as the licences had been surrendered.

- (1) Failford Inn, Failford
- (2) The Bracken Bar, Heads of Ayr Caravan Park, Ayr

Decided: to note the Premises Licences ceasing to exist.

(e) **Premises Licence Review – Unpaid Annual Fees**

Having firstly heard from the Licensing Standards Officer that the annual fee for Ocean Stores had now been paid and that she therefore wished to withdraw her request for a Premises Licence Review for that premises, the Board noted that no further action was required to be taken.

The Licensing Standards Officer thereafter sought a Premises Licence Review hearing in respect of the following premises licences, on the grounds that the premises had each failed to pay their annual fee, due on 1st October 2024, which constituted a breach of one of the mandatory conditions of the premises licence; and each had failed to comply with the statutory Notice served on them under Section 14 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005;

and the Licensing Standards Officer requested that the following premises licences were suspended until payment of outstanding annual fees had been received: -

Premises Licence Holder

Premises

CJC Henderson Ltd

Welltrees Inn
9-11 Welltrees Street
Maybole

Partnership of Greenhead Hotel

Greenhead Hotel
45 Main Street
Girvan

Daedalus Properties Limited

Arthur Street Kitchen
11-13 Arthur Street
Ayr

ATM Bar and Restaurants Ltd

Vitos
25 Burns Statue Square
Ayr

Decided:

- (1) to suspend the above premises licences and to grant delegated powers to the Clerk to reinstate the licences when payment of the annual fee was received; and
- (2) to request that the Clerk to the Licensing Board reviews the current administrative process of reminders to premises licence holders regarding payment of the annual fee, with a view to streamlining the process and bringing review requests before the Board earlier, thereby reducing the administrative burden for the Licensing team; and to issue a Members Briefing for the Board members in due course regarding this.

8. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone in attendance and concluded the meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.