

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 13 February 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Apologies: Councillors Kenneth Bell and Gavin Scott.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator – Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; Brian Seditas, Co-Ordinator – Trading Standards and Environmental Health, J. Chapman, 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 13 March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 16 January 2025 (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 the first few months of 2025 had been particularly busy in terms of licensing applications and since the beginning of the year a total of 30 personal licence applications had been received, in comparison to the same period in 2024 when a total of 2 personal licence applications had been received. Applicants require to sit a course, pass an exam and thereafter lodge their application.

(2) that it was encouraging that many people in South Ayrshire had applied for a personal licence as this ensured premises and events would be adequately staffed with fully trained individuals.

- (3) that a total of 85 Occasional Licence applications to date had been received, covering a variety of occasions and events at several locations throughout South Ayrshire. Each application required consultation with Police Scotland and the Licensing Standards Officer, some required further investigations and reports to be prepared for consideration at Licensing Board meetings. In the same period in 2024 a total of 15 Occasional Licences were received and an increase may be due to applicants lodging their applications earlier for larger events later in the year that also require a public entertainment licence, however, there had been a steady increase in applications for Occasional Licences.
- (4) that comment had been made previously with regards to the challenges and the increasing costs faced by permanently licensed premises.
- (5) that the increase in Occasional Licence applications shows more people are choosing to support venues or activities at sites or venues that did not currently hold a licence.
- (6) that work was ongoing to ensure that Occasional Licence applications were in line with the Boards policy and the licensing objectives and was not seen as a cheaper and less regulated alternative to a premises licence.

The Board

Decided: to note the update from the LSO.

5. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued – Members only) of 30 January 2025 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of one hundred and sixty-five Personal Licences.

The Board

Decided: to note the revocation of one hundred and sixty-five Personal Licences since the last Board meeting.

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

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 30 January 2025 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) 102 Dalmellington Road, Ayr – transferred to Rajkumar Balasubramanayam on 10 January 2025.

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) RAD Limited

Premises

Brig O Doon Hotel
Alloway
Ayr

Increase in Capacity
Add gaming and indoor/outdoor sports
Amendment to children and young person statements
Extension to lower ground pre-function area and balcony
Reconfiguration of bedrooms first floor
Addition to new restaurant and balcony plus new accommodation

Environmental Health

1. The operation of this facility must not result in the existing noise background levels for the surrounding area being increased when measured at the nearest noise sensitive building. In order to prevent the likelihood of a noise nuisance.

2. No form of amplified sound or noise systems must be present in the outside decked area which is proposed to be an "outside entertainment space". Use of this area should be restricted to no later than 10.00 pm. The use of the area must not increase the ambient background noise level in the neighbourhood. In order to prevent the likelihood of a noise nuisance.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(b) **Applications for Extended Hours**

The Board considered the following applications:-

Applicant

Sprig Limited

Premises

Printhouse
154 High Street
Ayr

- (1) Scottish Grand National - 11/04/25 to 12/04/25 – 02.30 a.m. to 03.30 a.m.
- (2) Easter Sunday – 20/04/25– 02.30 a.m. to 03.30 a.m.
- (3) Bank Holiday Sunday – 25/05/25 – 02.30 a.m. to 03.30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above applications and grant delegated powers to the Depute Clerks to grant further applications to this venue with this operator as the applicant for 'events of local or national significance' that have been previously recognised and who do not receive any negative reports from the LSO or Police Scotland up to 31st December 2025.

Applicant

(4) Sprig Limited

Premises

Printhouse
154 High Street
Ayr

Rock the Nile – 19/04/25 – 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) Sprig Limited

Premises

Printhouse
154 High Street
Ayr

Pavilion Weekend Festival and Bank Holiday – 03/05/25 to 04/05/25 – 02.30 a.m. to 03.30 a.m.

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

8. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked officers and the Board for their hard work and concluded the meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.