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5 March 2025

To:- Councillors Grant (Chair), Bell, Brennan-Whitefield, Kilbride, Pollock, Scott and Townson.

Dear Councillor

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

You are requested to participate in the meeting of the above Board to be held on **Thursday 13 March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

This meeting will be held on a hybrid basis in County Hall for Elected Members with a remote option, will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/>

Please note that a briefing meeting will take place for all Board Members at 9.15 a.m., online and in the Prestwick Committee Room.

Yours sincerely

**CATRIONA CAVES
Clerk to the Licensing Board**

B U S I N E S S

1. Declarations of Interest.
2. Date of Next Board Meeting – 24 April 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 13 February 2025.
(copy herewith).

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4. Report by Licensing Standards Officer.
5. Personal Licences Revoked – Submit report by the Clerk to the Board Pages 8-9
(**copy herewith- members only**).
6. Transfers Granted under Delegated Powers –
Submit report by Clerk to the Licensing Board (copy herewith). Pages 6-10
7. **Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**
 - (a) Application for Variation (copy herewith). Pages 11-12
 - (b) Applications for Occasional Licence (copy herewith). Pages 13-14
8. Any Other Business.

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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.

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**REPORT BY THE CLERK
TO THE LICENSING BOARD
OF 13 MARCH 2025**

Subject: Revocation of Personal Licences

1. Purpose

To advise members on the revocations of personal licences.

2. Recommendation

To note the terms of the report

3. Background

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 introduced personal licences. It is a condition of the personal licence that (a) the applicant undertakes refresher training within five years of the date of issue of the licence and (b) no later than 3 months after the expiry of five years from the date of issue produces evidence of the training to the Board. Failure to complete either part of the process means that the Board must revoke the personal licence. (Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 section 87(3))

4. Current Position

Since the last report to the Board, a further 19 personal licences have been revoked under delegated powers. All licence holders affected have been advised by post to their last known address of the revocation of their licences. Revoked licence holders can still take refresher training and then reapply for another personal licence although there is a cost of £50 for the new application. (There is no fee payable if the refresher training is completed and intimated to the Board on time.)

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Date. 27th February 2025

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**REPORT BY CLERK TO THE LICENSING BOARD
TO LICENSING BOARD OF 13 MARCH 2025**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER GRANTED BETWEEN 13 FEBRUARY 2025
AND 13 MARCH 2025**

1. Purpose.

To advise Board Members of the determination of applications for Transfer of licences for the period between the last Board meeting and the present one.

2. Recommendations.

The Board are requested to note the report.

3. Background.

Applications for transfer are now dealt with under delegated powers except if any of the parties or connected persons have a relevant offence.

4. Considerations.

(1) The Rupee Room, 26A Wellington Square, Ayr

The above premises licence was transferred to Narinder Pal Singh Sangha on 12th February 2025.

(2) Anchorage Hotel, 149 Templehill, Troon

The above premises licence was transferred to BLR Properties Limited on 20th February 2025.

5. Resource Implications.

None

6. Results of Public Consultation.

None

Background Papers. Nil

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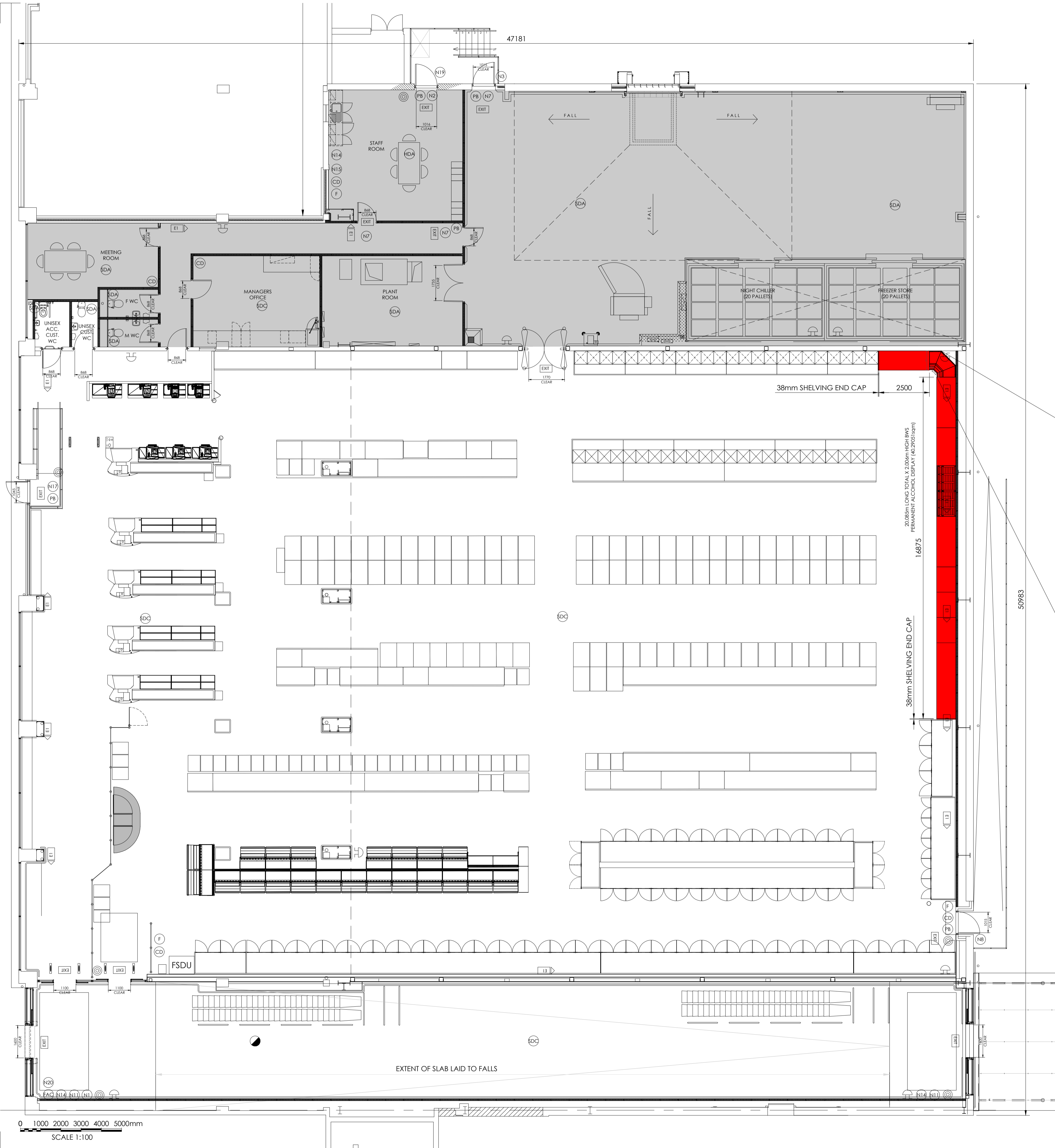
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Application for Variation of Premises Licence

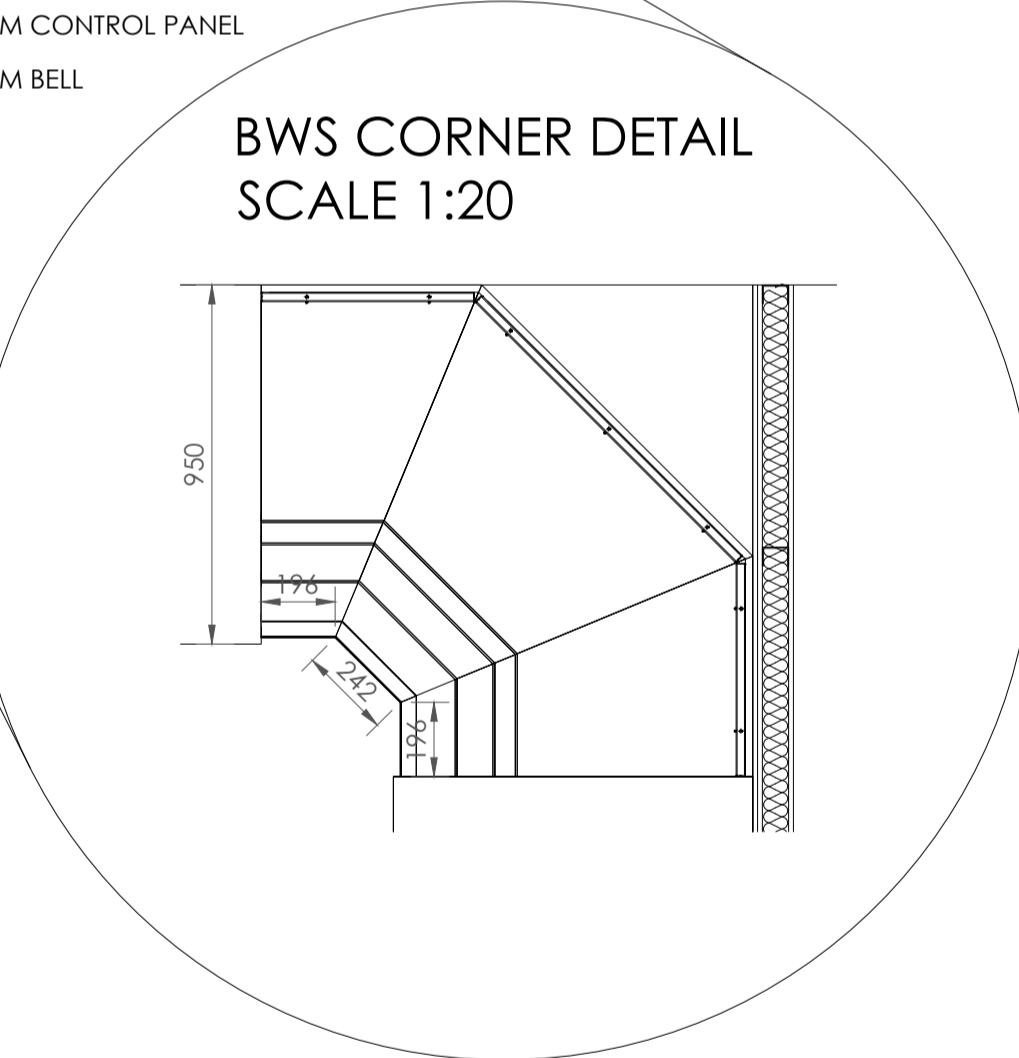
Agenda Item 7a

1.	Aldi Stores Limited	Aldi 33 Main Street Ayr
	<u>Operating Plan</u> Addition of recorded music Remove seasonal capacity and amend permanent off-sales capacity from 32.77m2 to 40.29051m2 <u>Layout Plan</u> Reconfiguration of store and extension of off-sales display area	

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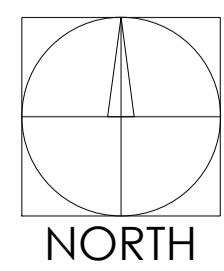
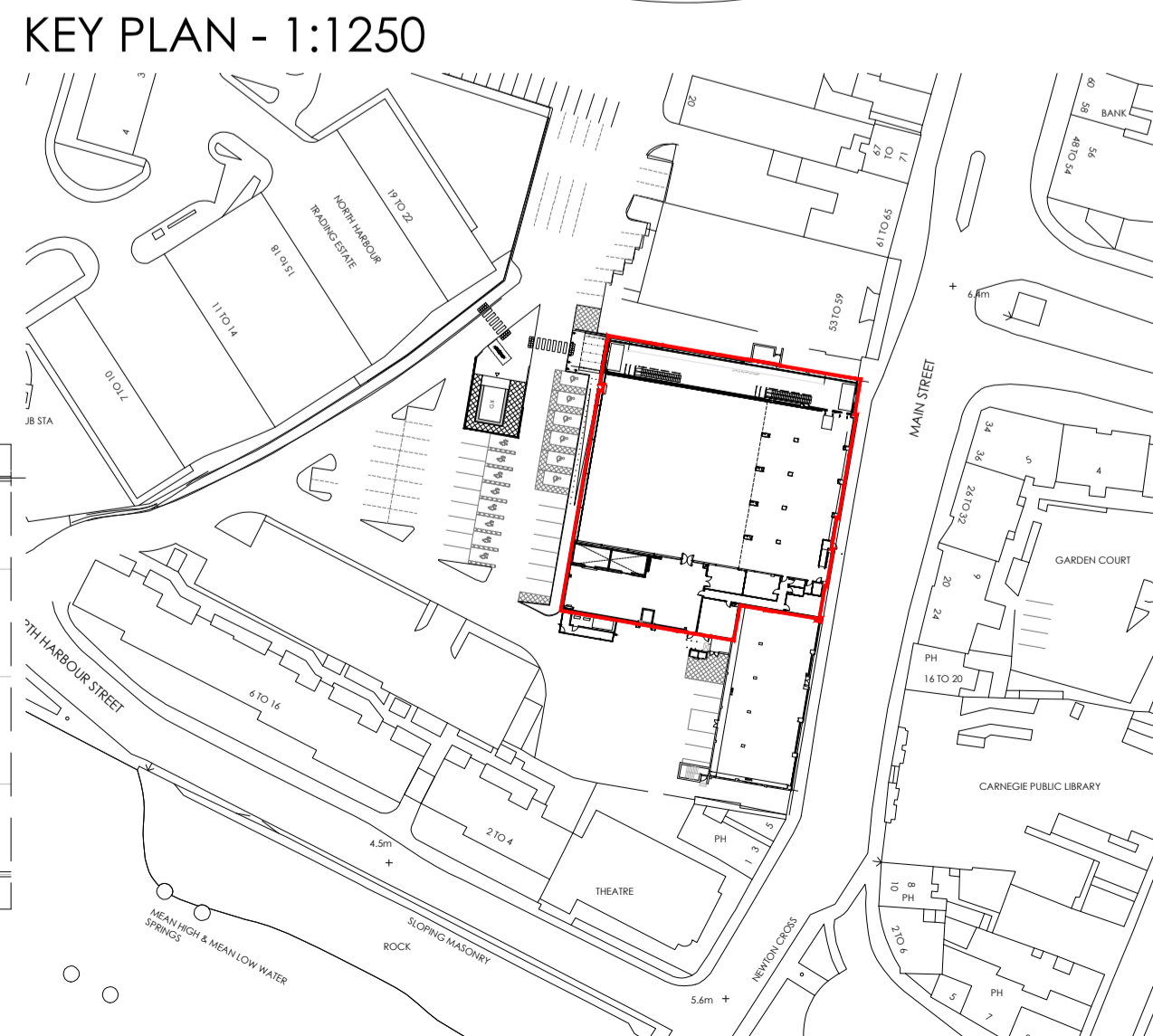
- LEGEND**
- (N1) GENERAL FIRE NOTICE, Ref 1/1033/JK
 - (N2) "EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY" SIGN 450 x 100mm SELF ADHESIVE VINYL
 - (N3) "KEEP CLEAR" SIGN 200 x 200mm SELF ADHESIVE VINYL
 - (N4) DIRECTION ARROW SIGN WHITE ARROW ON BLUE CIRCLE ON WHITE SQUARE 200 x 200mm
 - (N5) "FIRE EXIT KEEP CLEAR" SIGN 200 x 200mm MOUNTED EXTERNALLY
 - (N6) "FIRE DOOR KEEP CLOSED" SIGN 80 x 80mm SELF ADHESIVE
 - (N7) "FIRE DOOR KEEP CLOSED" SIGN 80 x 80mm
 - (N8) "FIRE DOOR KEEP LOCKED" SIGN 80 x 80mm
 - (N9) "AUTOMATIC DOORS" SIGN BLACK LETTERS ON WHITE 200 x 200 SELF ADHESIVE
 - (N10) FIRE ALARM CALL POINT SIGN 80 x 80mm SELF ADHESIVE
 - (N11) FIRE ALARM CALL POINT SIGN 150 x 200mm
 - (N12) "FIRE EXTINGUISHER" SIGN 150 x 200mm
 - (N13) "FIRE EXTINGUISHER" SIGN 150 x 200mm SELF ADHESIVE
 - (N14) "NO SMOKING" SIGN 200 x 200mm
 - (N15) "FIRE BLANKET" SIGN 75 x 210mm
 - (N16) "MIND YOUR HEAD" SIGN 400 x 100mm
 - (N17) "MIND THE STEP" SIGN 400 x 100mm
 - (N18) "WAY IN / NO EXIT" SELF ADHESIVE VINYL SIGN
 - (N19) "WAY OUT / NO ENTRY" SELF ADHESIVE VINYL SIGN
 - (N20) "FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL" SIGN 200 x 150mm
 - (E1) DIRECTIONAL FIRE EXIT SIGN 600 x 200mm LEFT HAND
 - (E2) DIRECTIONAL FIRE EXIT SIGN 600 x 200mm RIGHT HAND
 - (E3) DIRECTIONAL FIRE EXIT SIGN 300 x 100mm LEFT HAND
 - (EXIT) ILLUMINATED FIRE EXIT SIGN
 - (PB) PUSH BAR MECHANISM AND "PUSH BAR TO OPEN" SIGN 600 x 100mm (ON DOOR)
 - (E) FIRE EXIT SIGN 705 x 150mm (ON DOOR)
 - (C) FIRE ALARM CALL POINT (BREAK GLASS UNIT)
 - (F) FOAM SPRAY AFF FIRE EXTINGUISHER
 - (C2) CARBON DIOXIDE FIRE EXTINGUISHER
 - (FB) FIRE BLANKET
 - (SD) SMOKE DETECTOR
 - (V) VOID MOUNTED SMOKE DETECTOR WITH CEILING MOUNTED INDICATOR
 - (SDA) FIRE ALARM SMOKE DETECTOR & SOUNDER
 - (HDA) FIRE ALARM HEAT DETECTOR & SOUNDER
 - (ACP) FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL
 - (B) FIRE ALARM BELL



ALCOHOL MERCHANDISE LEGEND:

- PERMANENT ALCOHOL DISPLAY
- NON-PUBLIC AREA

NOTE:
NO SPECIFIC AREA FOR USE OF CHILDREN ONLY.
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ARE PERMITTED IN ALL PUBLIC AREAS OF THE PREMISES.



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Application for Occasional Licence

Agenda Item 7b

Applicant	Premises	Event	Dates Requested	Times Requested
Steven Mackie	Festival Site Low Green Esplanade Ayr	Live at Ayr Beach Pavilion Festival	2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th May 2025	On Sale: Friday 14.00 to 22.45* Saturday 12.00 to 22.45* Sunday 12.00 to 22.45* *Outwith Board Policy

Steven Mackie – Personal Licence Holder
Occasional Licence Application – 2nd, 3rd & 4th May 2025
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Steven Mackie, who is a personal licence holder, for the event now being described as a 'three-day music festival with DJ's and live acts' on the Low Green in Ayr on Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May 2025.

The application requests a licence from 2pm until 10.45pm on Friday and 12noon until 10.45pm on Saturday and Sunday and is therefore not able to be granted under delegated powers.

In addition to this, the Occasional licence request includes the consumption of alcohol throughout the identified site, which again is an irregular occurrence in South Ayrshire, however it was granted by the Board to this event in 2023 and 2024, although this year there is a request for children and young persons aged 14 years and over to be permitted access.

Members will be aware that the music event, known generally as the 'Pavilion Festival' first came to Ayr in 2023 and has grown and developed since then, meaning the current application requests an additional day to offer an alternative music focus. The application suggests an attendance of five thousand people a day and this is reflected in the separate public entertainment application.

It is the Boards usual policy to ensure an area or areas are identified at each event for the sale and consumption of alcohol and in the 2023 update to the policy statement the preference for a 'food and drink village' was described. This meant that the Board would not usually grant an application that requested alcohol to be permitted across the whole event site. However, in 2023 the Board granted permission to this applicant for the festival to permit the whole site to be licensed (excluding the big wheel) and to allow patrons the ability to walk around the site freely with alcohol. This was mainly due to the 'festival' area being completely fenced in (with patrons not being permitted to leave and re-enter) and due to the event being restricted to those aged 18 years and over.

The Board were also willing to deviate from policy in relation to the terminal hour of 10pm, being satisfied that the later time of 10.45pm would allow time to disperse the crowd and prevent a breach of the byelaw if the event were to run later due to weather or delays and this has reflected the same timings on the public entertainment licence.

As the grant of the liquor licence over the past two years has been out with the Boards usual policy (and this event has been the only one since that has benefitted from this) it has been monitored both by Police Scotland and the LSO and I can confirm that the occasional licence has not been the subject of any complaints.

It should be noted that this year there is a proposal to extend the number of bars on site to 3 as it is intended that the 'Pavilion Food and Drink area' to the rear of the pavilion building will also be included. Members will be aware of this space which has benefitted from significant investment and operates with Occasional Licences throughout the year.

In addition to this, the proposal for this year includes an additional day (Friday 2nd May) and the applicant is requesting access for children and young people from 14 years and upwards to be permitted and for the whole festival area to be licensed.

Upon receiving the request for children and young persons to attend the event, I referred the organiser to the Boards policy statement and requested information in relation to their proposal in particular regarding the licensing objective 'Protecting Children and Young People from Harm'. (copy attached for information)

In particular I am keen to ensure that no under 18's are involved in queuing at the bar counter for service and in response to this the organiser has agreed to provide a separate van/unit for soft drink sales. There is a ticket and ID check system in place on entry to the festival and the organiser has suggested the introduction of a dedicated 'family lane' to the que allowing specific checks to take place. This will obviously depend on those under 18 identifying themselves at the que stage and the organisers will have to have a strategy in place to deal with anyone who does not have appropriate ID or who is unable to meet the criteria of a person of 21 years and over accompanying a maximum of 2 persons under the age of 18, to ensure that anyone refused entry to the event that is under 18 is not left in a vulnerable position.

At other large events in South Ayrshire which under 18's have access to (such as the Races, the Ayrshow with planes and the Summer Fayre) the licence only permits alcohol in designated areas and this is also the case for specific 'family days out' such as the Ayr Agricultural Show which has specific activities for under 18's and finishes at 6pm.

Additionally, the permanently licensed premises in South Ayrshire who have a premises licence are generally only permitted access for under 18's in relation to food or in the event of a function.

With this in mind, if the Board were minded to grant the application as requested it could mean that a child or young person could attend the pavilion festival with music and alcohol as its focus, however when leaving the event they would not be able to move on to any of the other venues locally who may also only have music and alcohol as a focus as that would be in breach of what is permitted on their operating plan.

The Board may wish to consider if granting the application to have alcohol throughout the event, rather than specific dedicated areas and permitting children and young people to be present throughout the event is in keeping with the licensing objective 'Protecting Children and Young People from Harm' and if the Board feel there is adequate reason to deviate from their policy.

In the past two years the applicant undertook to close the bar prior to the licensed hours and use the remaining time to encourage customers to 'drink up' and therefore dispose of their empty alcohol receptacles when leaving the event, rather than buy a late drink and consume it quickly or attempt to take it with them. I would encourage this practice by the applicant again this year.

In the interests of consistency in South Ayrshire in relation to other Occasional Licences granted previously and in the future, and to reflect the practice implemented by the Board at other large capacity outdoor venues, I would ask the Board to consider the following, which they may wish to include as conditions on the Occasional Licence:

- All alcohol is to be decanted and not served in glassware or bottles, however cans are permitted
- A refusals record should be kept at the bar areas and token sales booth/s as proof of diligence

- Training records should be available for all bar staff and each staff member should wear a badge to identify themselves to the police or LSO
- Drinking water should be available free of charge at identifiable areas

In addition, if the Board are minded to grant the application for a liquor licence for the full event with children and young people aged 14 years and over present, they may wish to consider adding the following conditions;

- A system must be in place to check photographic ID to ensure no one under the age of 14 is permitted entry and this must be made clear to customers prior to the event
- No one under the age of 18 is permitted to que at the bar areas
- Staff and stewards should be vigilant to ensure that adults who are supervising children and young persons remain able to do so when consuming alcohol

I would remind the Board and indeed the public that the grant of this Occasional Licence will only permit the consumption/possession of alcohol in the specified area of the Low Green in Ayr in relation to this event and the timings given and it will not be permitted for alcohol to be taken out with this area or out with these times. Therefore, grant of this licence will not allow persons not in attendance at this event to be in possession of alcohol on the Low Green.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
10th February 2025

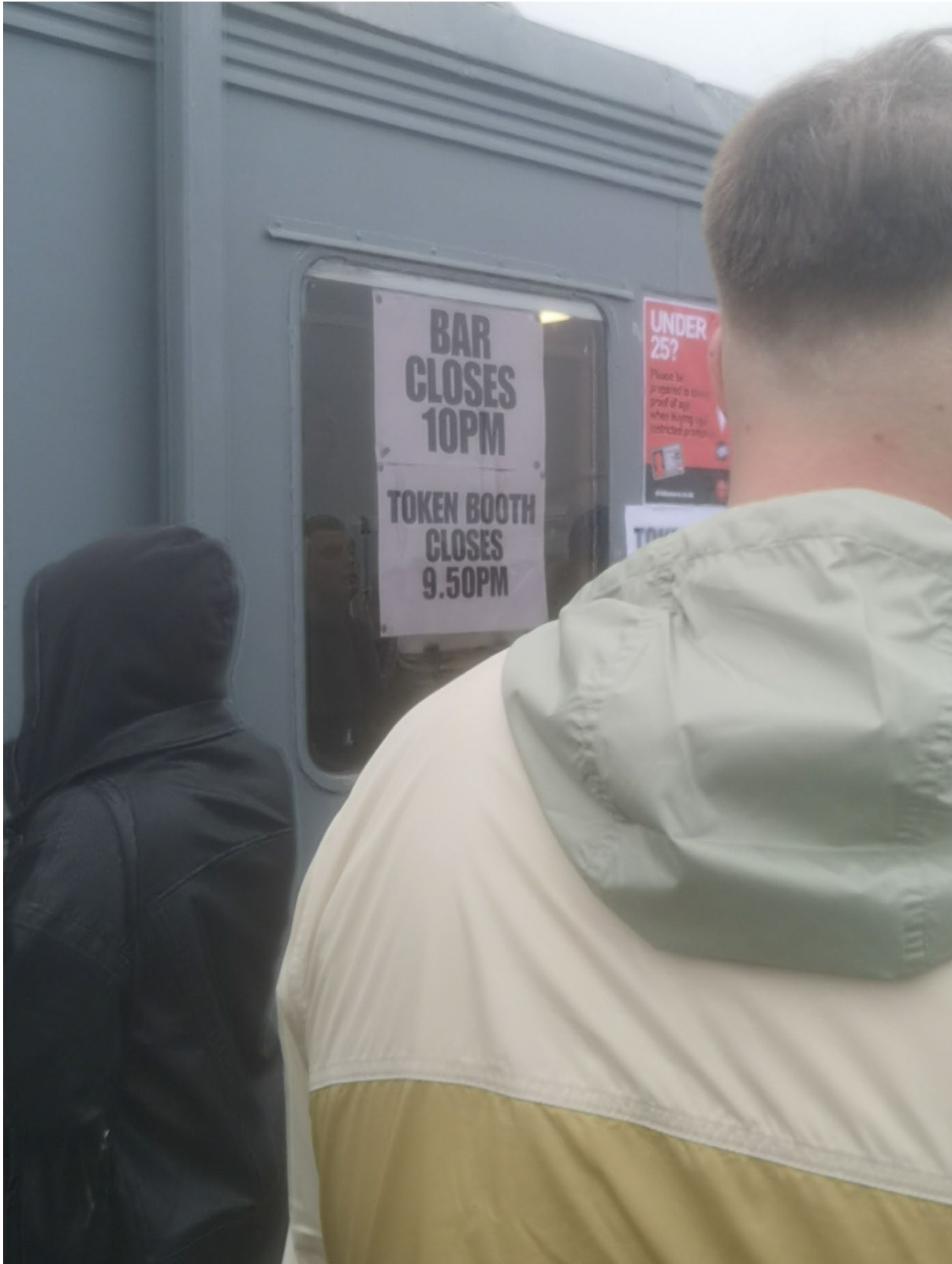


Photo taken by LSO shows the Challenge 25 and 10pm curfew being advertised to customers



Photo taken by LSO shows queuing system to enter event in operation



Photo taken by LSO shows big wheel excluded from licence to comply with licensing objective 'Securing Public Safety'.



Photo taken by LSO shows compliance with Board's additional conditions



Photo taken by LSO shows general mixed crowd

Submission from Event Organiser in response to LSO's request for information:

Following our recent discussions, we would like to formally request permission to allow access for over 14s, accompanied by a responsible adult over 21, to our event, *Pavilion Festival Presents: Ayr Beach Live*, on Friday, 2nd May 2025. We believe that this addition will create a family-friendly atmosphere that aligns with community feedback and enhances the overall experience of the festival weekend.

In response to requests from local residents and businesses, we are proposing a dedicated family-friendly event on the Friday of the festival. We feel the selected line-up will appeal to a wide range of age groups, and our intention is to create a safe, enjoyable environment for families to attend together. To ensure the safety of all attendees, we have implemented the following measures:

Ticketing Conditions:

- **Age Requirement:** Children/Young person aged 14-17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 21.
- **Identification:** Both the adult and child/Young person must present photographic proof of identification upon entry.
- **Accompaniment Limit:** A maximum of two children/young people may be accompanied by one adult.

Entrance Procedures:

- **Dedicated Family Lane:** A special entrance lane for families will be established.
- **ID Verification:** Stewards will check photographic ID at the entrance to confirm age.
- **Child Safety Wristbands:** Children/Young person will be provided with wristbands that include the parent's mobile contact number, ensuring swift communication should a child/young person become separated from their guardian.

On-Site Safety Measures:

- **Adequate Stewarding:** Sufficient stewards and welfare staff will be stationed at key points across the event site and patrolling throughout the venue to ensure the safety of attendees.
- **Bar Queue Control:** Stewards will monitor the entrance to the bar queue, ensuring that only adults are allowed access to the alcohol service areas.
- **Food and Refreshments:** There will be a variety of food outlets available across the site, with a dedicated soft drinks-only stall placed away from the bar area to ensure children are not exposed to alcohol service points.
- **Challenge 25 System:** All drink token booth and bar staff will operate a strict "Challenge 25" policy to prevent underage drinking.

Staff Training:

- All staff will receive comprehensive training to ensure they are fully equipped to protect children from harm and to deal with any situations related to the welfare of young attendees.

We are confident that these measures will ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all festival-goers, including families with children/young persons. We respectfully request your support in allowing under-18s to attend the event, accompanied by an adult, on the specified date.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information or clarification. We look forward to your response and hope to work with you to make this a successful and community-driven event.