

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

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

Present: Councillors William Grant (Chair), Martin Kilbride, Bob Pollock and Gavin Scott.

Present

Remotely: Councillors Kenneth Bell, Laura Brennan-Whitefield and Duncan Townson

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; 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 24 April 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The [Minutes](#) of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 13 February 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 lodging of early applications had allowed work to take place with applicants to reach solutions that allowed the best possible future trading opportunities for licence holders whilst still adhering to the Board's policy statement and licensing objectives. Board Members would see in the coming months some Members Clubs requesting to 'opt out' of that particular category and nominate a premises manager, that would allow a greater number of functions and events on their premises.

(2) that two new operators would open premises in Turnberry and Ayr Town Centre in the next month resulting in existing premises given a new use.

- (3) that there are currently 4 unlicensed premises that are operating with the benefit of continued Occasional Licences whilst they are completing the application process for a full premises licence and obtaining section 50 certificates from other Council departments. That meant due to the Boards current policy these operators are able to offer alcohol now instead of having to wait up to 3 or 4 months until they are in a position to have the full licence granted. In the current economic climate that practice by the Board was well received by applicants.
- (4) that a 'temporary licence' was issued to an existing off sales operator who had been granted a variation by the Board during the time a shop refit was being undertaken and had moved trading to their storage area/garage. The temporary licence allowed that village store to continue to provide alcohol sales and gave comfort that there was no tight timeline for that arrangement in the event the renovation took longer than originally anticipated. These premises now provide a significantly upgraded facility to the local community and an improved alcohol provision.
- (5) that she continued to find premises with inadequate staff training and or appropriate records for these and reminded the trade again that documented staff training is a requirement of their 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 27 February 2025 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of nineteen Personal Licences.

The Board

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

6. Applications for Transfers Granted Under Delegated Powers

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 27 February 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) The Rupee Room, 26A Wellington Square, Ayr - transferred to Narinder Pal Singh Sangha on 12th February 2025.

(2) Anchorage Hotel, 149 Templehill, Troon - transferred to BLR Properties Limited on 20th February 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) Aldi Stores Ltd

Premises

Aldi
33 Main Street
Ayr

Operating Plan

Addition of recorded music

Remove seasonal capacity and amend permanent off-sales capacity from 32.77m2 to 40.29051m2

Layout Plan

Reconfiguration of store and extension of off-sales display area

The Chair advised that applicant had difficulty joining the meeting online and commented that the outline plan was excellent and showed everything that was needed to be seen.

Having heard from the Depute Clerk,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

(b) Application for Occasional Licence

The Board considered the following application: -

Applicant

Steven Mackie

Premises

Live at Ayr Beach Pavilion Festival
Festival Site
Lowgreen
Esplanade
Ayr

On Sale: Friday 14.00 to 22.45
Saturday 12.00 to 22.45
Sunday 12.00 to 22.45

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the events manager and applicant,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application with conditions: -

- 1) The event is restricted to those aged 18 years and over.
- 2) All alcohol is to be decanted and not served in glassware or bottles; however, cans are permitted.
- 3) A refusals record should be kept at the bar areas and token sales booth/s as proof of diligence.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Drinking water should be available free of charge at identifiable areas.

8. Closing Remarks

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

The meeting ended at 10:29