

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 24 April 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Present

Remotely: Councillor Kenneth Bell

Apologies: Councillors Martin Kilbride 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; I. McColl, Police Inspector - Police Scotland; 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

Councillor Brennan-Whitefield declared an interest in items 7c & 7d.

2. Date of Next Board Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Board meeting would be held on Thursday 22 May 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The **Minutes** of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 13 March 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 since the last Board meeting, Ayr Racecourse had successfully hosted the Scottish Grand National festival. This event benefitted from the permissions granted under the premises licences for the Racecourse and the Western House Hotel and additionally from Occasional Licences to cover the additional alcohol sales areas both permanent and temporary.

(2) that there was a considerable amount of pre-event planning and consultation which involved a number of agencies and departments for large events. Part of this was the liquor licence, which came under the responsibility of Ross Donald. Over the past few years Ross and his team had made changes to practices and procedures at the bars to improve customer experience but

also to satisfy compliance with the licensing objectives and to consider comments and requests from the LSO. The positive results of these improvements was evident at the Grand National meeting on Saturday 12th April due to the very effective and efficient running of the large bar in the tented village. The well organised queuing system was efficiently stewarded by SIA badged staff who ensured that there was a continual flow of people to the bar area which was well staffed and laid out in such a way that meant orders and payments could easily be taken by staff at the front (who had time to assess patrons and record ID checks) whilst additional staff poured and delivered drinks to the bar. In general, challenges associated with agency staff continued to be addressed on the day, she commended Ross Donald and his team for their speed and willingness to act when any potential issues were highlighted to them.

- (3) that the next month would be busy in terms of liquor licensed events in South Ayrshire with the Pavilion Music Festival in Ayr and the Folk Festival in Girvan to name a few. Not only would these events benefit from an Occasional Licence for the main event but there were also applications from local licence holders to extend their operating hours to take advantage of the extra demand in the area.
- (4) that there were currently applications pending for the transfer of premises licences in South Ayrshire following the sale or lease of buildings, some of which have remained closed for some time. This was very positive and will bring further investment and in turn choice for customers.

The Board

Decided: to note the update from the LSO.

5. Revocation of Personal Licences

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued – Members only) of 5 March 2025 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of twelve Personal Licences.

The Board

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

6. Applications for Transfers Granted Under Delegated Powers

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 10 April 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) Turnberry Holiday Park, Kirkoswald Road, Turnberry
The above premises licence was transferred to Turnberry Holiday Park (Scotland) Ltd on 12th March 2025.
- (2) The Tee Room. Dalmilling Golf Clubhouse, Westwood Avenue, Ayr.
The above premises licence was transferred to South Ayrshire Council on 14th March 2025.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfer granted under delegated powers.

It was agreed to vary the order of business under Standing Order No. 13.3, and consider items 7c&d at the end of the meeting for the reason of Councillor Brennan-Whitefield declaring an interest in these two items

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

(a) **[Application for Variation of Premises Licence](#)**

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

(1) Troon Portland Bowling Club

Premises

Troon Portland Bowling Club
Shore Road
Troon

Change to seasonal variations 1st December to 2nd January.

Update other activities to include Gaming (for small prize bingo, race nights etc)

Include the ability to provide activities outside core hours.

Include statement regarding opening prior to core hours and other activities on premises.

Update children and young person's statement.

Outdoor seating areas to the rear of the clubhouse and the perimeter of the Bowling Green to be used for outdoor drinking.

Having heard from the Depute Clerk and a representative from Troon Portland Bowling Club,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

7 (b) **Application for Personal Licence – Daniel James Allan**

There was submitted a letter from Police Scotland (issued to Members only) dated 28 February 2025 advising the Board of convictions accrued by Daniel James Allan.

The Board then heard from the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, Police Scotland and from the Applicant and, following questions, adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Board

Decided: Continued consideration of the application

7 (e) **Premises Licence Ceasing to Exist**

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

(1) **Greenhead Hotel, 45 Main Street, Dailly**

Decided: to note the Premises Licence ceasing to exist.

8. **Gambling Act 2005**

(a) **Application for Unlicensed Family Entertainment Gaming Machine Permit**

Applicant

Curtis Briggs

Premises

Ayr Pavillion
Pavillion Road
Ayr

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

Decided: to grant the above application for a permit.

Councillor Brennan-Whitefield left the meeting at this point due to a declaration of interest.

7 (c) **Personal Licence Review Under Section 84A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Imran Nasim**

There was submitted a letter from Police Scotland (issued to Members only) dated 17 March 2025 requesting a review of the licence held by Mr Imran Nasim on the grounds Mr Nasim has acted in a manner which is inconsistent with the licensing objectives and a report (issued to Members only) by the Clerk to the Licensing Board dated 10 April 2025 outlining the options open to the Board on considering this review request.

The Board then heard from the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board and Police Scotland in relation to the reasons for requesting this Review. Thereafter they heard from a representative for the licence holder and, following questions, adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Board

Decided: Grounds of Review are not established; no further action is required.

(d) **Premises Licence Review Under Section 36 (Request by Police Scotland) Symington Stores, 53 Brewlands Drive, Symington**

There was submitted a letter from Police Scotland (issued to Members only) dated 17 March 2025 requesting a review of the Premises Licence of the above premises in terms of the grounds set out at Section 36 (3) (za): that, having regard to the licensing objectives, the licence holder is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a premises licence, a report (issued to Members only) by the Licensing Standards Officer dated 4 April 2025 and a report (issued to Members only) by the Clerk dated 10th April 2025 outlining the options open to the Board on considering this review request.

The Board then heard from the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board and Police Scotland in relation to the reasons for requesting this Review. Thereafter they heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and a representative for the licence holder and, following questions, adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Board

Decided: Grounds of Review are not established; no further action is required.

9. **Closing Remarks**

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

The meeting ended at 13:05