Application for Occasional Licence

Applicant	Premises	Event	Dates Requested	Times Requested
Alastair McClymont	The Lairage Shed Whitefordhill Ayr	Annual County Rally Prizegiving Dance	20 th May 2023	21.00 – 01.00* Outwith Board Policy
Alastair McClymont	The Min Cow Shed Catcraig Farm Craigie	21 st Birthday Party	27 th May 2023	19.00 – 01.00* Outwith Board Policy
Alastair McClymont	The Main Shed Carcluie Farm Dalrymple	21 st Birthday Party	2 nd June 2023	19.00 – 01.00* Outwith Board Policy
Gary Welsh	Wellington House On the Square 25 Wellington Square Ayr	Welcome drinks and canapes for Scottish National	21 st and 22 nd April 2023	Friday 13:00 – 23:45 Saturday 13:00 – 23:45 LSO report Police queries outstanding
Gary Welsh	Wellington House On the Square 25 Wellington Square Ayr	Music Festival – snacks and drinks	29 th and 30 th April 2023	Saturday 13:00 – 23:45 Sunday 13:00 – 23:45 LSO report Police queries outstanding
Gary Welsh	Wellington House On the Square 25 Wellington Square Ayr	Pop up Restaurant	6 th May 2022	Saturday 13:00 – 23:45 LSO report Police queries outstanding

Alastair McClymont – Personal Licence Holder Occasional Licence Application – 20th May 2023 Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Alastair McClymont for the Annual Ayrshire Association of Young Farmers Clubs Rally Prize Giving and Dance which has been the subject of previous occasional licences from this Board.

The application requests a terminal hour of 1.00am, which is outwith the Board's Policy. However, the location of the event is the Whitefordhill Cattle Market, Ayr which is not a residential area and which neighbour noise and disturbance is unlikely to be an issue. Having spoken to the applicant about the event itself, which is a farming family event during the day followed by the prize giving and celebration dance in the evening, the licence has been applied for from 9pm and I note this will be an over 18's only event.

This application times and purpose mirrors what was granted for this event over the past few years and the location is the Lairidge Shed at the Market which is a permanently constructed building.

On the basis that the event has been granted a 1.00am terminal hour the past few years and no negative reports have been received in relation to this and the applicant is known to me as a Personal Licence holder who regularly applies for Occasional Licences, I have no objections to the grant of this occasional licence.

Alastair McClymont – Personal Licence Holder Occasional Licence Application – 27th May 2023 Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Alastair McClymont, who is a personal licence holder familiar to the Board as he provides a mobile bar service for a number of events, predominantly in the Ayrshire rural community.

The application requests a terminal hour of 1.00am, which is outwith the Board's Policy. The location of the event is the Min Cow Shed at Catcraigs Farm, Craigie, which is a steel and concrete agricultural shed that will be transformed for a 21st Birthday celebration starting at 7.00pm.

I understand that neighbours will be aware of this event and as is usual in rural communities, most neighbours will be invited to the celebrations. For this reason I have no concern that the grant of this application will breach the licensing objective 'Preventing Public Nuisance'.

I do note with interest that the applicant has advised there will be no one under the age of 18 at this event. However due to the terminal hour requested, this application must be considered at a Board meeting in line with the Board's current policy.

As the applicant is known to me and has run a number of similar events over the years with the benefit of a 1am terminal hour, I have no objections to the grant of this application.

Alastair McClymont – Personal Licence Holder Occasional Licence Application – 2nd June 2023 Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Alastair McClymont, who is a personal licence holder familiar to the Board as he provides a mobile bar service for a number of events, predominantly in the Ayrshire rural community.

The application requests a terminal hour of 1.00am, which is outwith the Board's Policy. The location of the event is the Main Shed at Carcluie Farm, Ayr, which is a steel and concrete agricultural shed that will be transformed for a 21st Birthday celebration starting at 7.30pm. I understand that neighbours will be aware of this event and as is usual in rural communities, most neighbours will be invited to the celebrations. For this reason I have no concern that the grant of this application will breach the licensing objective 'Preventing Public Nuisance'.

I do note with interest that the applicant has advised there will be no one under the age of 18 at this event. However due to the terminal hour requested, this application must be considered at a Board meeting in line with the Board's current policy.

As the applicant is known to me and has run a number of similar events over the years with the benefit of a 1am terminal hour, I have no objections to the grant of this application.

Gary Welsh – Personal Licence Holder Occasional Licence Application – 21st to 22nd April 2023 Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Gary Welsh who is a personal licence holder. The application refers to a property called 'Wellington House on the Square' which is located in Wellington Square in Ayr and the applicant describes it as a 'Wedding and Events Venue' which has been the subject of a small number of previous occasional licences from this Board and there are a few Occasional Licence applications outstanding that have been lodged within the past few months.

The application describes 'welcome drinks and canapes for Scottish Grand National' on Friday 21st April and Saturday 22nd April from 1pm until 11.45pm and the application is not clear if this is a two-day event, although the dates requested suggest that it may be.

In addition to this the applicant has advised on the form that there will be children and young persons aged 10 to 16 years in attendance until the terminal hour.

I did note with interest that the event is restricted to age 10 to 16 and this means that 17 year olds and under 10's will not be permitted. For this reason the Board may wish the applicant to confirm if tickets are sold in advance and they therefore know the ages of all who will attend or if this is a private event and what systems they have in place to check the ages of those who will attend. This information is important as once the Occasional Licence is granted with the ages as requested, any person who attends outwith those ages would therefore be in breach of the occasional licence.

The reason given for the Occasional Licence is 'welcome drinks for Scottish Grand National' however the start time for the Occasional Licence is after the race meeting has started and the terminal hour is some time after the race meeting has finished. To eliminate any confusion regarding the dates applied for and what is actually taking place on the premises, the following questions were directed to the applicant.

- 1- As the application refers to Welcome Drinks and Canapes, can I ask why you consider the event to be suitable for some ages of children and young people under the age of 17 and what activities there will be for them?
- 2- You have requested a licence from 1pm (I understand the race day will have started by then) and a finish time of 11.45pm (a number of hours after racing finishes so can you please advise the purpose of the hours if it is aimed at people who will be attending the races?
- 3- Besides Alcohol and canapes can you advise what else is happening?
- 4- Are you applying for the licence for the 2 days?

The applicant was made aware in the email that once this information was received it would allow the required report to be prepared for the grant of the application.

Unfortunately, despite these questions being posed to the applicant on 14th March 2023, at the date of writing we still have no response from the applicant and therefore the Board may wish to decide if it is appropriate to grant this application with the limited information that has been supplied and that doing so will not breach the licensing objective 'Protecting Children and Young People from Harm'.

Gary Welsh – Personal Licence Holder Occasional Licence Application – 29th to 30th April 2023 Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Gary Welsh who is a personal licence holder. The application refers to a property called 'Wellington House on the Square' which is located in Wellington Square in Ayr and the applicant describes it as a 'Wedding and Events Venue' which has been the subject of a small number of previous occasional licences from this Board and there are a few Occasional Licence applications outstanding that have been lodged within the past few months.

The application describes a 'music festival/ticketed event with snacks and drinks' on Saturday 29th April and Sunday 30th April from 1pm until 11.45pm and the application is not clear if this is a two-day event, although the dates requested suggest that it may be.

In addition to this the applicant has advised on the form that there will be children and young persons aged 10 to 16 years in attendance until the terminal hour.

I did note with interest that the event is restricted to age 10 to 16 and this means that 17 year olds and under 10's will not be permitted. For this reason, the Board may wish the applicant to confirm if all tickets are sold and they therefore know the ages of all who will attend or what systems they have in place to check the ages of those who will attend. This information is important as once the Occasional Licence is granted with the ages as requested, any person who attends outwith those ages would therefore be in breach of the occasional licence.

The reason given for the Occasional Licence is a 'music festival/ticketed event with snacks and drinks', however the applicant has not provided any further details about this music event. I am however aware that it is the same date as the large music festival at the Low Green, however the organisers of that have already confirmed in public forum that they have no connection with any premises in Ayr.

For these reasons and to establish further details in relation to this application, the following questions were directed to the applicant.

1- The application refers to a Music Concert/Ticketed Event – please could you provide more information about your concert/event (what type of music, is it live bands, do you have a stage etc)

This information would allow me to comment on the licensing objective 'Preventing Public Nuisance'.

2- Can I ask why you are permitting children aged 10 years to 15 years and young people aged 16 to this event? And what you believe makes the event appropriate for them until 11.45pm? Also how are you going to check ages to make sure you are not in breach of the licence and do they have to be accompanied by an adult to purchase a ticket?

This information would allow me to comment on the licensing objective 'Protecting Children and Young People from harm'.

3- Are your tickets all sold in advance

4- Are you applying for the licence for the 2 days?

The answer to these questions will help us to assess the general impact in the area on these dates as we are aware of another event that night and an awareness of additional people in the area will allow relevant partners to consider any additional factors to ensure they meet the licensing objective 'Securing Public Safety'.

Unfortunately, despite these questions being posed to the applicant on 14th March 2023, at the date of writing we still have no response from the applicant and therefore the Board may wish to decide if it is appropriate to grant this application with the limited information that has been supplied and that doing so will not breach the aforementioned licensing objectives. Board members will be aware of the high volume of applications that are currently being processed and granted and it is not possible to continually 'chase up' information that has still to be provided by individual applicants.

Gary Welsh – Personal Licence Holder Occasional Licence Application – 6th May 2023 Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made by Gary Welsh who is a personal licence holder. The application refers to a property called 'Wellington House on the Square' which is located in Wellington Square in Ayr and the applicant describes it as a 'Wedding and Events Venue' which has been the subject of a small number of previous occasional licences from this Board.

The application describes a 'pop up restaurant' on Saturday 6th May from 1pm until 11.45pm. In addition to this the applicant has advised on the form that there will be children and young persons aged 10 to 16 years in attendance.

In principle I have no objections to an Occasional Licence for a restaurant and the hours requested meet the Boards current policy, however I did note with interest that the event is restricted to age 10 to 16 and this means that 17 year olds and under 10's will not be permitted. For this reason the Board may wish the applicant to confirm if this is a pre-booked event and they therefore know the ages of all who will attend or what systems they have in place to check the ages of those who will attend. This information is important as once the Occasional Licence is granted with the ages as requested, any person who attends outwith those ages would therefore be in breach of the occasional licence.

Additionally as this is not a 'permanent' venue who will necessarily be registered with our Environmental Health team regarding food preparation and therefore I have requested that the applicant confirms if they have made registered as required.

Unfortunately despite these questions being posed to the applicant on 14th March 2023, at the date of writing we still have no response from the applicant and therefore the Board may wish to decide if it is appropriate to grant this application with the limited information that has been supplied and that doing so will not breach the licensing objectives; Protecting Children and Young People from Harm and Protecting and Improving Public Health.