

Application for Occasional Licence

Applicant	Premises	Event	Dates Requested	Times Requested
Gary Welsh	Wellington House On The Square 25 Wellington Square Ayr	Halloween event, haunted house for families with kids	30 th and 31 st October 2023	18:00 – 22:00 LSO report

Gary Welsh – Personal Licence Holder
Occasional Licence Application – 30th & 31st October 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 Ayr and members may recall the applicant appeared at a previous Board meeting earlier in the year.

The application describes a 'Halloween Event' on both Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October from 6pm until 10pm.

The applicant has advised on the form that there will be children and young persons in attendance 'with family members', however he does not state the ages for this.

Additionally the applicant has indicated that the purpose of the event is a 'Halloween haunted house for families' and advises that additional activities other than the sale of alcohol will be the 'sale of fun refreshments, such as Halloween drinks and food for children & attending parents'.

As the event is being billed as a 'family event' and a haunted house, it is clearly being designed to appeal to children and young people and less likely to be for over 18's who do not have children. For this reason the Board may wish to consider whether grant of the application would be in accordance with the licensing objective 'Protecting Children and Young People from Harm'.

The Board are in the process of updating their policy and have advised of their reluctance to grant an occasional licence to an event designed primarily for 'children and young people'.

The applicant has not been in touch with the LSO to discuss this application despite the Boards encouragement to do so previously and I am therefore only in a position to comment on the information provided on the application.

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
4th September 2023