

ANGUS LICENSING BOARD

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ANGUS LICENSING BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 31 October 2019 at 10.20am.

Present: Councillors CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, RICHARD MOORE, BRIAN BOYD, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, ALEX KING, DAVID LUMGAIR, GAVIN NICOL and BETH WHITESIDE

Councillor FOTHERINGHAM, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGY

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Colin Brown BEM.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Board agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Board held on 12 September 2019 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCES – REQUEST TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

There was submitted Report No LB 60/19 by the Clerk on an application received for a new provisional premises licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, which required to be determined by the Board, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Cashleys, 1 Castle Street, Forfar

The Board considered an application from Cashleys, 62A Dundee Road, Broughty Ferry for the grant of a premises licence (on sales) in respect of premises at 1 Castle Street, Forfar.

Mr Cashley, the applicant was present and addressed the Board during which he answered a number of questions from members in relation to disabled access to the premises.

The Board then heard from Mrs Thom, Building Standards Manager who advised that they were satisfied with the premises.

The Board agreed to grant the provisional application subject to the Statutory Conditions and the local Children's Conditions.

5. CONSULTATION ON LICENSING NO LONGER ACCEPTING CASH AS A METHOD OF PAYMENT

There was submitted Report No LB 61/19 by the Clerk asking the Board to consider commencing a public consultation on phasing out cash as a means of paying for all licensing fees.

The Report advised that in terms of liquor licensing the number of applications paid for by cash in 2017/18 was 142 out of 1176 (12.1%). The number of applications paid for by cash in 2018/19 was 130 out of 1007 (12.9%). There had been a 0.8% increase in 2018/19 on 2017/18 in terms of the number of applications being paid in cash. Graphs illustrating the aforementioned statistics were attached as **Appendix 1** to the Report.

In terms of the amount of money received, licensing received £4,992 in cash out of £120,955. This represented 4.1% of all payments received in 2017/18. In terms of amount of money received, licensing received £2,852 in cash out of £118,393. This represented 2.4% of all payments received in 2018/19. There had been a 1.7% decrease 2018/19 on 2017/18 in terms

of the proportion cash amounts to the income from liquor licensing fees. Graphs illustrating the aforementioned statistics were attached as **Appendix 2** to the Report.

Discussion took place and many members expressed their concerns over the phasing out of cash as a means of paying for licencing fees and requested that the public consultation exercise should also include a number of alternative methods of responding rather than it all being digitalised to allow members of the public, who were not digitally minded to take part in this consultation exercise.

The Board agreed to defer the Report to allow further investigation of how the consultation exercise could include members of the public who were not digitally minded.

6. PERSONAL LICENCES – DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB 62/19 by the Clerk detailing applications for Personal Licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which had been granted by the Clerk during the period 23 August to 4 October 2019, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.

7. OCCASIONAL LICENCES – DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB 63/19 by the Clerk detailing applications for Occasional Licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which had been granted by the Clerk during the period 23 August to 4 October 2019, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.

8. PREMISES LICENCES - MINOR VARIATIONS - DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB 64/19 by the Clerk detailing applications for minor variations to premises licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which had been granted by the Clerk during the period 23 August 2019 to 4 October 2019, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.

9. CONFIRMATION OF PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCES – DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB 65/19 by the Clerk advising members of applications for confirmation of provisional premises licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, which had been granted by the Clerk during the period 12 September 2019 to 7 October 2019, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.