

ANGUS LICENSING BOARD

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **ANGUS LICENSING BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 27 March 2025 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors GEORGE MEECHAN, KENNY BRAES, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, ROSS GREIG, GAVIN NICOL, JILL SCOTT and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor MEECHAN, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Lloyd Melville and Beth Whiteside.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Board of 13 February 2025 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS – UNDER THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

There was submitted Report No LB11/25 by the Depute Clerk on applications received for new premises licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, which required to be determined by the Board, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Grocery Junction, 7 East High Street, Forfar

The Board considered an application from Grocery Junction Ltd for the grant of a new premises licence (off sales) in respect of premises at 7 East High Street, Forfar, DD8 2EL.

Mr Sohaib, a representative for the applicant was present and addressed the Board.

Following comments from Members, the Board agreed that the application be granted.

(b) Morven House, 28 West Path, Carnoustie

The Board considered an application from Graham Ross Campbell for the grant of a new premises licence (on sales) in respect of premises at 28 West Path, Carnoustie, DD7 7SN.

Mr Campbell was present and addressed the Board indicating that the premises was currently operating as a Guest House but had previously been a licensed hotel.

Mr and Mrs Blackmore, objectors then addressed the Board outlining their concerns regarding noise from outside drinking at the premises.

The Board agreed that the application be approved subject to the standard mandatory conditions and the three external drinking conditions detailed in paragraph 11.4 of the Board's Statement of Licensing Policy.

5. PREMISES LICENCES – REQUEST TO VARY UNDER THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

There was submitted Report No LB12/25 by the Depute Clerk presenting an application to vary a premises licence under Section 29 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, which required to be determined by the Board, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Albert Bar, 48 Market Street, Montrose

The Board considered an application from Annmarie Morrison to vary a premises licence (on sales) in respect of premises at The Albert Bar, 48 Market Street, Montrose, DD10 8RD to allow them to vary the operating plan to: -

- (i) amend the core licensing hours on Sunday from 11.00 to 24.00;
- (ii) add Seasonal Variations to the Operating Plan, to add bar meals, live performances and films within and outwith core licensed hours and add receptions, club/group meetings, recorded music, dance facilities, indoor/outdoor sports and televised sports outwith core hours;
- (iii) add stand-up comedy, open mic nights, karaoke, quiz nights, tasting sessions, community events, charity events, product launches, seasonal events, and other themed events; and
- (iv) allow access to children and young persons when accompanied by an adult to all public parts of the premises until 21.00 or until the end of licensed hours when attending a pre-arranged function or private event.

Ms Simpson, agent for the applicant was present and addressed the Board indicating that the applicant was working on a noise management plan.

After hearing from the Environmental Health and Consumer Protection Manager, the Board agreed that the application be granted.

6. REVIEW OF FEES

There was submitted Report No LB13/25 by the Depute Clerk recommending a percentage increase in fees charged in respect of certain licences issued under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Report indicated that Scottish Government had set a number of fees in relation to certain applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. In addition, a number of fees had been agreed previously by the Board within parameters set by the Scottish Government. There were a number of application types where the Board had sole discretion to fix those fees.

A new fee structure was proposed and was attached at Appendix 1 to the Report which, for comparison purposes, also showed the current structure. The increase in the proposed new structure for fees was 5% for both new and renewal applications. It was proposed that the increased fees, if accepted, would be implemented from 8 April 2025.

The Board agreed: -

- (i) to approve the revised fee structure contained in Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (ii) to approve an implementation date of 8 April 2025.

7. PERSONAL LICENCES – DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB14/25 by the Depute Clerk detailing applications for Personal Licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which had been granted by the Clerk during the period 22 January 2025 to 4 March 2025, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.

8. OCCASIONAL LICENCES – DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB15/25 by the Depute Clerk detailing applications for Occasional Licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which had been granted by the Clerk during the period 22 January 2025 to 4 March 2025, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.

9. PREMISES LICENCES – MINOR VARIATIONS – DELEGATED APPROVALS

There was submitted and noted Report No LB16/25 by the Depute 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 22 January 2025 to 4 March 2025, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation appended to the Licensing Policy.

10. PREMISES LICENCES UNDER THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - LICENCES SURRENDERED

There was submitted Report No LB17/25 by the Depute Clerk presenting information on a premises licence which the licence holder had surrendered, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

The Board agreed to note that the premises licence detailed in the Appendix to the Report had been surrendered and had ceased to have effect in terms of the 2005 Act and that the licence for Buzz Bingo, 141 High Street, Arbroath, DD11 1DP be removed from the register.