

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

At a Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board held by Video Conference on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, Jonathan McColl and John Millar.

Attending: Raymond Lynch, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer and Nuala Borthwick and Lynn Straker, Committee Officers.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marie McNair and Brian Walker.

Councillor Ian Dickson in the Chair

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

Councillor Ian Dickson, Chair, advised that the powers contained in terms of Section 133 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, as amended by the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, would be used to enable Members and parties to attend remotely and that the meeting of the Board could not be held in person due to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) emergency.

The Chair then made direction that no photography or recording of the proceedings would be made by any party without the Chair's prior approval. He also directed Members and parties on the use of mute during the meeting, and to indicate their intention to speak by using the 'raise hand' functionality available to them.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

PROCEDURE FOR LICENSING BOARD MEETING 9 DECEMBER 2020

Having heard the Chair, Councillor Dickson, the Licensing Board approved the Hearing Procedure for the meeting to be held by video conference.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Board held on 2 September 2020 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

An application for Variation of Premises Licence for Morrisons, Glasgow Road/Leven Street, Dumbarton G82 1QZ was submitted for consideration.

Having heard the Chair, it was noted that Ms Marie Gabbatis, Morrisons Limited was in attendance at the meeting on behalf of the applicant and was represented by Mr Richard Taylor, Goschalks Solicitors.

The Board heard from Mr Taylor in support of the application and in relation to the possibility of the store trading 24 hours in the future with no change to the licensed hours for sale of alcohol. In relation to a question, the Depute Clerk confirmed that the application was in line with the Board's Licensing Policy Statement in terms of operating plans.

The Board noted that an objection had been withdrawn from Dumbarton East and Central Community Council prior to the meeting and in further explanation of this by the applicant as to the terms of their operating plan.

DECIDED:-

Following consideration of all matters before the Board and having heard the Depute Clerk and the LSO in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed that the application be granted.

The meeting closed at 10.12 a.m.