

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

At a Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank on Tuesday, 31 October 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Jonathan McColl, June McKay, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Chris Pollock and Hazel Sorrell.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; Peter Clyde and Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officers; Dr Daniel Carter, NHS GGC Representative and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Carolann Anderson, Licensing Assistant; Solicitor Mr Andrew Hunter and Representative Mr Ross Jackson – Lidl.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Gurpreet Singh Johal.

Councillor June McKay in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Licensing Board meeting held on Tuesday, 5 September 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE (CONTINUATION)

An application was submitted for consideration for Provisional Premises Licence for Lidl, Site at Mitchell Way, Alexandria G83 0LW.

Mr McDougall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board noted that the NHS had submitted a letter for the attention of Members however it had been received after the deadline. Mr Hunter, Solicitor for the application confirmed he was happy for the letter to be shared, Members agreed, and the letter was distributed.

Members heard from Dr Daniel Carter, NHS GGC Representative who discussed the contents of the letter and noted reasons for objections to the application in terms of Overprovision within the area.

Mr Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer, was heard advising Members of the Board of his concerns regarding Overprovision in the area.

Mr Hunter and Mr Jackson, Solicitor and Representative for the application, were then heard in support of the application and distributed a short presentation to Members.

After further discussion, and in answer to Members questions, the Board agreed to grant the application.

DECIDED:-

After hearing Dr Daniel Carter and Mr Andrew Hunter and Mr Ross Jackson, Members of the Board agreed to grant the application.

**APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE
(CONTINUATION)**

An application was submitted for consideration for Major Variation of Premises Licence at 137-139 Hawthorn Street, Clydebank G81 3NH.

Due to the applicant being unable to attend the meeting today, Members agreed to continue the hearing at the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Board.

DECIDED:-

Due to the applicant being unable to attend the meeting today, Members agreed to continue the hearing at the next suitable meeting of the Licensing Board.

REPORT ON FESTIVE HOURS POLICY 2023-2024

A report was submitted by the Clerk to the Licensing Board proposing a policy detailing the Festive Hours Policy for 2023-2024.

After discussion, and having heard from Mr McDougall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that the 2023/24 Festive Period is defined as being Monday 11 December 2023 to Wednesday 3 January 2024 inclusive;
- (2) that premises licence holders – with permission to utilise festive extensions - without significant entertainment (public houses, hotel bars and members'

clubs fall into this category) may trade for one hour more than the normal licensed hours during the festive period with the exception of Hogmanay;

- (3) that premises licence holders – with permission to utilise festive extensions - without significant entertainment (public houses, hotel bars and members' clubs) may trade to 3.00 a.m. on Hogmanay on condition that last entry to the premises is 11.00 p.m. and the event is preticketed;
- (4) that premises licence holders - with permission to utilise festive extensions - offering significant entertainment (nightclubs) may trade until 4.00 a.m. during the festive period;
- (5) that premises licence holders without permission to utilise festive extensions may apply for extended hours certificates in relation to the festive period;
- (6) that authority for the granting of applications for extended hours certificates over the Festive Period be delegated to the Clerk to the Licensing Board, if the terms of the application are in accordance with the foregoing agreed recommendations; and
- (7) that should applications for extended hours certificates be submitted which fall outwith the agreed hours or foregoing recommendations, then any such applications may require to be submitted to the Board for consideration, particularly where objections are forthcoming.

The meeting closed at 10.49 a.m.