

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

At a Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board held in the Council Chambers, Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill, Chris Pollock, Hazel Sorrell and Sophie Traynor.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board; Peter Clyde and Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officers; Carol-Ann Anderson, Licensing Assistant and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Mr Andrew Hunter, Solicitor and Representative – MotorFuels Ltd. application; Mr Brian McMahon, Representative – Akpinder Kaur and Liaqat Ali applications.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Gurpreet Singh Johal, Jonathan McColl and June McKay and Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland.

Mr Michael McDougall in the Chair

ELECTION OF CONVENOR OF LICENSING BOARD

Mr McDougall opened the meeting and advised Councillor June McKay had resigned as Convenor of the Licensing Board with immediate effect and asked Members to elect a new Convenor of the Licensing Board. Councillor Sorrell, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, moved Councillor Millar as nomination for Convenor. Councillor Traynor, seconded by Councillor Pollock moved Councillor Pollock as nomination for Convenor.

Councillor Pollock received 2 votes, namely Councillors Pollock and Trayner. Councillor Millar received 3 votes, namely Councillors Millar, O'Neill and Sorrell. Councillor Millar was declared Convenor of the Licensing Board.

Councillor John Millar in the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Mr McDougall adjourned the meeting for a short recess to allow Councillor Millar to take the chair.

The meeting reconvened at 10.04 a.m. with all those listed in the sederunt present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Licensing Board meeting held on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

VARIATION IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Having heard the Convenor, the Board agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

APPLICATION FOR A PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

An application was submitted for consideration for a Provisional Premises Licence for Dumbarton (Glasgow Road) Service Station, 36 Glasgow Road, Dumbarton, G82 1QZ.

Members first heard from Peter Clyde, Licensing Standards Officer, then from Mr Hunter, Solicitor and Representative in support of the application. After discussion and having heard the Solicitor in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the application.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

An application was submitted for consideration for a Variation of Premises Licence for 12-14 Auckland Place, Dalmuir, Clydebank G81 4JZ.

Members first heard from Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer then from Mr McMahon, Representative in support of the application. After discussion and

having heard the Solicitor in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the application.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

An application was submitted for consideration for a Variation of Premises Licence for Day to Day Express, 148 Montrose Street, Clydebank G81 2PE.

Members first heard from Lawrence Knighton, Licensing Standards Officer then from Representative in support of the application. After discussion and having heard Mr McMahon in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the application.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the application.

LICENSING BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023/24

A report was submitted by the Clerk to the Licensing Board providing information to allow the Licensing Board to consider its Annual Financial Report in relation to the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

After discussion and having heard the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the terms of the Financial Report for 2023/24.

DECIDED:-

The Board agreed to note the terms of the Financial Report for 2023/24.

FESTIVE HOURS POLICY 2024/25

A report was submitted by the Clerk of the Licensing Board proposing a policy to the Licensing Board on an extension to licensed hours during the festive period in terms of Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the Act").

After discussion and having heard the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed subject to clarifying that the deadline for notification is 30 November 2024 not 30 November 2023:-

- (1) that the 2024/25 Festive Period is defined as being Monday 9 December 2024 to Thursday 2 January 2025 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 a.m. on Hogmanay on condition that last entry to the premises is 11 p.m. and the event is pre-ticketed;
- (4) that premises licence holders - with permission to utilise festive extensions - offering significant entertainment (nightclubs) may trade until 4 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 10.59 a.m.