

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

At a Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank, on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Provost Karen Murray Conaghan and Councillors Gurpreet Singh Johal, Fiona Hennebry, John Millar, Lawrence O'Neill and Chris Pollock.

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

Also Attending: Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland; Mr Andrew Hunter, Solicitor for Sweeney's Cruises Applications; Mr John Sweeney, Applicant for Sweeney's Cruises Applications; Mr Archie McIvor, Solicitor for Whisky Shop Applications, Mr Stephen Ford, Applicant for Whisky Shop Applications.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Hazell Sorrell and Sophie Traynor.

Councillor John Millar 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 at this point in the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Licensing Board meeting held on Tuesday, 4 March 2025 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

APPLICATION FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCE(S)

An application was submitted for consideration for Occasional Licences for Sweeney's Cruises (a partnership) Mill Yett, Drymen Road, Balloch G83 8HT.

After discussion and having heard Mr Andrew Hunter, Solicitor and Representative for the Application, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the application.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCE(S)

An application was submitted for consideration for Occasional Licences for Sweeney's Cruises (a partnership) Passenger Motor Vessel Avocet, Mill Yett, Drymen Road, Balloch G83 8HT.

Members first heard from Mr Michael McDougall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, in introduction to the application and then from Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland, in representation of Divisional Commander, Police Scotland detailing on-sale period commencing at 9.00 a.m. out with the standard Board policy.

After discussion and having heard Mr Andrew Hunter, Solicitor and Representative for the Application, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor Millar, seconded by Councillor Singh Johal moved the Motion supporting the recommendations within the report to approve the licence with the commencement of on-sale time set at 10.00 a.m. in line with standard Board policy.

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Hennebry, moved an Amendment supporting the recommendations within the report and 2 additional conditions stating commencement of the on-sale period of 9.00 a.m. for Private Charters of the boat only and also Police Scotland and Licensing Officers must be notified prior to the Private Charter taking place.

Mr McDougall, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, asked Members for a show of hands in support of the Motion or Amendment. 4 Members supported the Amendment and 2 Members supported the Motion. The Amendment was accordingly carried.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the licences with 2 additional conditions namely a commencement of on-sales provision at 9.00 a.m. for Private Charters of the boat only and also both Police Scotland and Licensing Officers being notified prior to the Private Charter taking place. Members also agreed to delegate authority to the Depute Clerk to grant any future applications which are submitted which are not deemed controversial in nature.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF A PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

An application was submitted for consideration for Extension of a Provisional Premises Licence for Whisky Shop, Unit 3H, Loch Lomond Shores, Balloch G83 8QL.

After discussion and having heard Mr Mclvor, Solicitor and Representative for the Application, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the extension of the Provisional licence.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the extension to the Provisional Premises licence for a further 1 year and also instruct the Licensing Officers to write to Building Standards, West Dunbartonshire Council and encourage resolve of the ongoing query promptly. Members also agreed to delegate authority to the Depute Clerk to grant any future applications which are submitted which are not deemed controversial in nature.

APPLICATION FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCE

An application was submitted for consideration for Occasional Licences for Whisky Shop, Unit 3H, Loch Lomond Shores, Balloch G83 8QL.

After discussion and having heard Mr Mclvor, Solicitor and Representative for the Application, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, Members agreed to grant the licence.

DECIDED:-

Members agreed to grant the licences.

The meeting closed at 10:51 a.m.