EAST AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD

Minute of the Meeting of East Ayrshire Licensing Board held within the Council Chambers, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock, and digitally through Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 10am.

SEDERUNT: Councillor Drew Filson, Councillor Caroline Barton, Councillor Clare Maitland, Councillor Kevin McGregor and Councillor David Richardson.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell (Clerk to the Licensing Board), Sergeant David Markin and Ms Dawn Hastings (Police Scotland), Carolyn McEwan (Licensing Standards Officer), Patricia Duncan and Alison Hewitson (Licensing Board Administrators).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Stephen Canning, Councillor William Crawford, Councillor June Kyle, Councillor Claire Leitch and Councillor Linda Mabon.

1. SEDERUNT

Noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated by the Board Members.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING

The Minute of the meeting of East Ayrshire Licensing Board, held on 20 January 2026, was approved and noted.

4. APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Clerk reported on the applications discharged under delegated authority between 13 January and 9 March 2026, namely:-

Minor Variation	:	15
S34 Transfer of Premises Licence	:	1
S33 Transfer of Premises Licence	:	4
Grant of Personal Licence	:	14
Renewal of Personal Licence	:	2
Grant of Small Lotteries Registration	:	2
Renewal of Small Lotteries Registration	:	13
Automatic Entitlement to Gaming Machines	:	4
Extended Hours	:	2
Occasional Licences	:	89

The Clerk reported that of the 89 Occasional Licences granted, 32 were granted to Personal Licence Holders, 27 to Club premises, 19 to Premises Licence holders and 11 to Voluntary Organisations.

It was noted that, as of the date of the report, there are 915 Personal Licences in force, a reduction of 13 since the last report and 287 Premises Licences in force, an increase of 1 since the last report.

5. APPLICATIONS

Applications considered under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – See Appendix I.

6. REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCES

Review of premises licences for premises at:-
Poosie Nansie's Inn, 21 Loudoun Street, Mauchline
Burns Tavern, 18-20 Titchfield Street, Galston
following receipt of a notice in terms of Section 44 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act, 2005 from the Licence Holder.

The Clerk to the Licensing Board advised that the premises licence review was as a result of the licence holder of the above premises being convicted of a relevant offence in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

After full consideration of the conviction, together with the submissions from Police Scotland and the licence holder, the Board agreed unanimously that the grounds for review had been established.

The Board thereafter proceeded to consider whether to take such steps as are detailed in Section 39(2) of the Act and which they considered to be necessary or appropriate for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives these steps being:-

- to issue a written warning to the licence holder;
- to make a variation of the licence;
- to suspend the licence for such a period as the Board may determine;
- to revoke the licence;
- to take no further action.

The Board agreed unanimously to take no further action on this occasion.

7. FIFA WORLD CUP 20126 : EXTENSION OF LICENSED HOURS

The Clerk to the Licensing Board reminded Members that the FIFA World Cup 2026 will take place from 11 June to 19 July across the US, Mexico and Canada. The first game that Scotland will play will be on 14 June, with a kick off time of 2am. The second games will be 19 June with a kick off time of 11pm and the third game on 24 June, with a kick off time of 11pm.

The Clerk then invited Members to consider:-

1. whether the FIFA World Cup 2026 tournament, which the Scotland football team will be participating in, is an event of local or national significance and whether extended hours should be permitted to those licensed premises wishing to screen the matches.

2. If Members are of the view that this is an event of local or national significance and wish to extend licensed hours, Members should decide whether to extend permitted hours by way of a General Extension, in terms of Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 or by inviting applications for extended hours in terms of Section 68 of Act.

3. Should the Board be minded to permit extended hours, consider whether additional conditions should apply during the extended hours.

After full consideration of the matter, the Board agreed to support extending licensed hours of those premises wishing to screen the Scotland football games during the 2026 World Cup Tournament.

The Board agreed that any licence holder wishing to open should submit one Extended Hours application for three Scotland games, free of charge. Should Scotland progress further in the tournament, further extended hours applications may be lodged free of charge.

The Board agree to attach the following conditions to any extended hours granted :-

- The licensed premises must have appropriate permissions to broadcast live sports, including permission to have ‘televised sport’ within their operating plan.

- Designated Premises Manager to be on duty during the extended hours.

- Entry to the event should be ticketed to ensure that premises do not exceed their agreed capacity.

- Last entry to the premises should be aligned with match kick off times.

- Existing external licensing conditions will remain in place (eg. beer gardens).

- Premises will close no later than 30 minutes after the final whistle ending the football match, to allow appropriate dispersal.

- No children/young persons will be permitted entry during the extended hours, however consideration may be given to organised family events.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.50am.

Appendix I

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

MJM147 Ltd.

Shooters Pool & Sports Bar
27A Portland Street
Kilmarnock

Details of variation:-

To amend the premises operating hours from 11am to 10am. Early opening is requested to cater for events such as pool/darts tournaments. No alcohol will be available until 11am.

The applicants were not present or represented at the meeting.

The Clerk outlined the application and explained that the variation was to allow the premises to open from 10am to cater for tournaments, however no alcohol would be available until 11am.

As no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application, the Board agreed unanimously to grant the variation.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

Cupp Hospitality Ltd.

Caffe Sala
12 Queen Street
Kilmarnock

Details of variation:-

To amend the premises licence to include the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

Off -sale is requested in order to enhance the customer experience and to provide guests with a more complete Italian experience by allowing them to 'bring a taste of Italy into their homes'. Occasional cheese and wine evenings may take place within the premises, where customers will have the opportunity to purchase featured wines to take away.

It is also intended to offer a limited selection of gift hampers containing Italian food and wine products.

Off Sale
Sunday – Saturday : 11am – 10pm

The Clerk outlined the application and advised that no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application.

Mr Paul Crolla appeared before the Board to speak in support of the application. He explained that, since opening, it had been the intention to include off-sale. He continued that the premises operated in a similar fashion to Celion's in Glasgow, in that there was not a high volume of alcohol available, only a carefully selected range of Italian wines to compliment food. It was intended to host cheese and wine evenings where customers would have the opportunity to purchase wines to take away. A limited selection of gift hampers containing Italian food and wine would also be available.

Mr Crolla concluded that staff would have an opportunity to receive training via WSET to allow them to pair certain wines with foods.

Members noted that no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application. The Board were of the opinion that permitting off-sale within such a premises would not contravene policy and agreed unanimously to grant the variation.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

Bhupinder Singh

Lifestyle Express
45 Henrietta Street
Galston

Details of variation:-

Remerchandise of shop resulting in an increase of the alcohol display area from 8.302m^2 to 11.98m^2.

The applicants were not present or represented at the meeting.

The Clerk outlined the application and reminded Members that this variation had been continued from a previous Board meeting. He explained that chiller cabinets, which were located near to the door of the premises, were causing security issues. The variation was required to relocate the chiller cabinets, which had resulted in an increase in the alcohol display area.

Ms McEwan, LSO, advised that the licence holder had opened up a kitchen area to the rear of the premises in order to relocate the chiller cabinets. As a result all alcohol would be contained within one area within the premises.

As no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application, the Board agreed unanimously to grant the variation.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE

Rosie Clouds Ltd. 88 Titchfield Street
Kilmarnock

Brief overview of nature of the business proposed to be carried on in the premises:-

The premises will operate as a restaurant.

Licensed Hours applied for

On Sale	Off Sale
Sunday – Wednesday : 11am – 12 Midnight Thursday – Saturday : 11am – 1am	Sunday – Saturday : 11am – 10pm

Restaurant facilities and bar meals will be available within the premises; the premises will cater for weddings, funerals, birthdays, retirements, group meetings, etc.; recorded music, live performances and televised sport may be provided, all within and outwith the core licensed hours. The premises may open from 8am for the provision of teas, coffees and breakfasts. The premises may be used for various activities as noted above, prior to the commencement of the core licensed hours, but not before 8am. Alcohol will not be sold outwith the core licensed hours without an extended hours licence being granted. Live performances and recorded music will be background/ancillary.

The premises may be used for charity events, business networking and meeting facilities, community events and meetings, tastings and food & drink events, cultural and artistic displays or performances, supper club, wine club and the like.

The premises may offer deliveries. Alcohol will only be provided with food.

Seasonal variations – the premises would like to take advantage of any additional hours that may be permitted by the Licensing Board policy in that regard.

Children aged 0 - 15 years will be permitted access to the premises, when accompanied by an adult, to consume a meal until 11pm or attend a function, for the duration of the function. Young persons, aged 16 & 17 years, will be permitted access to the premises, unaccompanied by an adult, to consume a meal until 11pm or attend a function, for the duration of the function.

The proposed occupant capacity of the premises is 20.

The premises will have disabled access – the premises is accessible from street level and is all on one level; Accessible toilet facilities are available; Assistance dogs are welcome; Staff will be on hand to offer assistance where required.

The Clerk outlined the application and advised that no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application.

Mr Niall Hassard, Solicitor appeared before the Board to speak in support of the application, together with Ms Cailin Jang of the applicant company.

Mr Hassard advised that the premises would operate as part of the Okome chain who already had premises in Shawlands, Galashields, Newton Mearns and Clarkston, offering freshly prepared Asian food.

Mr Hassard continued that the application premises formerly operated as restaurant premises, however were currently vacant.

Addressing the request to provide off sale and the Board's over provision policy, Mr Hassard submitted that alcohol would be available only with food.

As no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application, the Board agreed unanimously to grant the provisional premises licence.
