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 19 May 2026 at 10am.

SEDERUNT: Councillor Drew Filson (Chair), Councillor Caroline Barton, Councillor June Kyle, Councillor Linda Mabon, Councillor Clare Maitland, Councillor Kevin McGregor and Councillor David Richardson.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell (Clerk to the Licensing Board), Sergeant David Markin and PC Guy Jenner (Police Scotland), Carol Ann Anderson (Licensing Standards Officer), Patricia Duncan and Alison Hewitson (Licensing Board Administrators).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Stephen Canning, Councillor William Crawford and Councillor Claire Leitch.

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 21 April 2026, was approved and noted.

4. APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Clerk reported on the applications discharged under delegated authority between 14 April and 11 May 2026, namely:-

Minor Variation	:	5
S33 Transfer of Premises Licence	:	1
Grant of Personal Licence	:	12
Renewal of Personal Licence	:	1
Renewal of Small Lotteries Registration	:	2
Extended Hours	:	3
Occasional Licences	:	55

The Clerk reported that of the 55 Occasional Licences granted, 17 were granted to Personal Licence Holders, 15 to Voluntary Organisations, 12 to Premises Licence holders and 11 to Club premises.

It was noted that, as of the date of the report, there are 935 Personal Licences in force, an increase of 16 since the last report and 287 Premises Licences in force, the same number as the last report.

5. APPLICATIONS

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

6. PERSONAL LICENCE REVIEW HEARING

Review of personal licence EA/PL/2397/23 for Caithin Galbraith, in terms of Section 84A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, following receipt of a notice issued by Police Scotland.

The Clerk advised that a personal licence review application had been received from Police Scotland in terms of Section 84(a) of the Act, that Caithlin Galbraith had acted in a manner which was inconsistent with the Licensing Objectives, Preventing Crime & Disorder, Securing Public Safety, Protecting & Improving Public Health and Protecting Children & Young Persons from Harm.

Ms Galbraith was present at the meeting.

Police Scotland was represented at the review hearing by Sergeant David Markin and PC Guy Jenner.

There being no preliminary matters raised, the review hearing continued in accordance with the agreed procedure, which was explained by the Clerk.

On behalf of the Chief Constable and in support of the review application, PC Jenner reported as follows:-

Caithlin Galbraith is the current Designated Premises Manager for Meraki Bar, 5-9 St Marnock Place, Kilmarnock and reportedly also a leaseholder of the full premises along with partner Ross Gilmour, Lynn Hogan and Mark Hogan.

The Meraki premises is split between an upstairs bar and downstairs nightclub, both within the one building. These are listed as two separate premises and therefore operate with a different Designated Premises Manager in each. Both premises come under the same roof, management, ownership and reported leaseholders.

For clarity, separate premises licence review applications were lodged by Police Scotland and have been considered by East Ayrshire Licensing Board in respect of both Meraki Bar and Meraki Nightclub. Examples in this document refer to incidents pertinent to the lower club area only. Caithlin Galbraith, as the current Designated Premises

Manager and accredited Personal Licence Holder, is responsible for the sale of alcohol on the lower club premises.

The lower Meraki Nightclub area is licensed to trade in alcohol for consumption on the premises, with the permitted trading hours being Sunday to Wednesday from 11am until 2am and Thursday to Saturday from 11am until 2.30am.

Since March 2025 the premises has been subject to 55 recorded routine inspections. The volume of alcohol intoxication incidents versus other local premises gives regular concern of overserving patrons. Examples, prior to an extensive licenced premises visit by Divisional Licensing, included:

Saturday 7 June 2025, 0015hrs, Police reference 126440: Disturbance where a glass was deliberately thrown at a victim and caused a laceration above the eye that required stitches. Three other males were also assaulted during this altercation. Police observed door stewards were unable to confirm the number of patrons within. Other observations included questionably young patrons under high levels of intoxication, a distinct lack of premises controls, and evasiveness by staff.

Sunday 22 June 2025, 0118hrs, Police reference 126722: Police attended in response to several complaints of disturbances at the locus. Two female witnesses seen to continue verbal abuse upon Police arrival, were issued fixed penalty notices. Further Police observations included a lack of door stewards versus patron volume, and visibly high levels of intoxication by young patrons within.

Sunday 24 August 2025, 0100hrs, Police reference 127998: Police responded to an allegation by a female victim of having been sexually assaulted within the premises. Whilst the allegation lacked the evidence to substantiate a crime in this regard, the victim was confirmed to be just 17 years of age and had reportedly been in the company of persons also below the age of 18.

On Friday 28 November 2025 at 1930hrs, an extensive licensing visit took place. Basic documentation findings included no summary premises licence being displayed, the premises licence, layout plan and operating plan were missing and the S110 notice was not displayed.

A check of the incident logbook confirmed this to be empty, despite the known incident already mentioned, and potentially less serious incidents that had gone unreported.

A refusal book was alleged to be in place but could not be located by staff at the time of visit. The bar staff member on duty stated she had never had reason to refuse serving a patron. This supported the regular Police observations and complaints regarding underaged patrons and intoxication levels within.

Numerous environmental health and hygiene concerns were also found. These included:

- **Soaking kitchen area (serving both premises) emanating from the upper bar male toilets**
- **Pools of water on the floors of the toilets.**

Police appraised the unacceptable findings to Environmental Health, who conducted their own enquiries and rendered the kitchen area unusable until urgent repairs were made.

On Thursday 18 December 2025, an intervention meeting took place in response to the incidents and licensing visit. The meeting was attended by reported leaseholders Ross Gilmour, Caithlin Galbraith, Lynn Hogan, East Ayrshire Council Licensing Standards Officer Carolyn McEwan, Police Licensing staff Aileen Dempster and Police Licencing Officer PC Guy Jenner. The intervention covered the points of concern highlighted in this document. Mr Gilmour, as the main representative for Meraki, was afforded time to further discuss and implement additional comments before signing the intervention plan. Those additional comments were added and signed at a further meeting on Monday 9 January 2026. Attendees were left with a level of confidence that staff had taken onboard and were prepared to implement the changes necessary to work in line with Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requirements.

Despite the suggestion of positive change, incidents of concern have continued in both the bar and nightclub premises. Examples pertinent to the nightclub under DPM Caithlin Galbraith include:

Sunday 08 February 2026, 0110hrs, Police reference 131664: Police had conducted an earlier inspection to find no security staff at the locus. Upon re-attendance a youth, known by Police to be just 15 years of age, was seen to enter the premises unchallenged. Police escorted this youth from the premises and, in the process, were assaulted by said youth. The manager, identifying himself as Ross Gilmour, partner of DPM Ms Galbraith, alleged that the youth had sprinted into the premises to avoid being challenged for ID. The point to having SIA qualified door staff is to manage the door entry system with patrons who are legally allowed to and are welcome to enter the premises. One fifteen-year-old boy being able to enter a licenced premises unchallenged supports the concerns that this premises is not fit for protecting children and young persons from harm. It was further reported by Police that Mr Gilmour himself was intoxicated through alcohol, which he subsequently provided admissions to. Mr Gilmour was not reportedly drinking onsite but had been working in another pub earlier and drinking before entering the Meraki premises. Again, an intoxicated person identifying himself as the manager to Police gives great concern of the protocols in place to prevent crime and disorder.

Saturday 14 February 2026, 2314hrs, Police reference 131778: Ongoing disturbance within the locus, 2 males fighting. Upon Police arrival, two

officers were violently assaulted by a patron within. Upon attempting to gain the CCTV footage of the said incident, staff alleged that the pertinent camera was not working. Footage that was captured on other cameras included another incident of fighting outside of the premises. It was further noted that numerous other patrons were also visibly intoxicated in both premises, many of whom reportedly looked young in age. Door stewards were described by attending officers of having little to no control of the premises, with ejected patrons seen to re-enter without challenge.

Sunday 22 February 2026, 0000hrs, Police reference 488002: A routine inspection within the nightclub found eight patrons, who all left upon Police arrival. A check of the toilet areas showed significant flooding in both the male and female toilet areas. This gave concern of both the safety aspect and whether the toilets were being checked by staff in general.

Sunday 15 March 2026, 0200hrs, Police reference 132434: Door staff evicted two males from the bar. One of the males reportedly racially abused a staff member and punched a door, striking the staff member to the face. Enquiries continue in relation to identifying suspects involved.

Alcohol related crime, violence and anti-social behaviour is a significant problem for our community and Police. The increasing financial, health and social costs associated with the misuse of alcohol is also of growing concern. The need for responsible licence holders, management and their staff who work within the licensed premises is particularly important to ensure a safe and secure environment within which to socialise. The Chief Constable has serious concerns that the objectives of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 are not being met at the Meraki premises - particularly with regards to:

- **Preventing Crime & Disorder**
- **Securing Public Safety**
- **Protecting & Improving Public Health**
- **Protecting Children & Young Persons from Harm**

Police Scotland has attempted to provide support, guidance and advice to the staff of the Meraki facility, and its unacceptable standards of operation and management. Despite this, they have been met with rejection, ineffective application and therefore the potential for further disorder remains high.

Whilst attending meetings without objection, owners and the DPMs of the Meraki premises are demonstrating minimal intent to work to the five core objectives of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The Chief Constable has grave concerns that there is a significant threat to public safety caused by these actions, or lack of.

From the evidence gathered from Divisional Licensing, the conduct of both Designated Premises Manager and staff has fallen far short of the standards expected. In particular:

- **A clear lack in training / awareness / concern for legislation.**
- **Repeated unacceptable levels of intoxication through drink and / or drugs - including observations by Police of questionable staff sobriety.**
- **Repeated intelligence to suggest illicit drug use within both premises, supported by the opportunity through lacks in door control and toilet checks.**
- **Minimal efforts to work to the five core objectives set by Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.**
- **Repeated disorder at both premises - including violent assault of officers within premises.**
- **Most incidents of disorder occur at weekends.**

PC Jenner concluded that The Chief Constable considers that Caithlin Galbraith has acted in a manner inconsistent with the licensing objectives and shown a flagrant disregard to the conditions of the licence that has been granted to her. It is respectfully requested that the Licensing Board consider revocation of personal licence in accordance with section 84(3)(b) of the Act.

Referring to the incident on 14 February 2026, whereby eight patrons left the premises upon Police arrival, Ms Galbraith stressed that the patrons had not left the premises because of the Police arrival. They were already leaving to go The Garage, another nightclub, as Meraki Nightclub was not busy. She then questioned the time in the police report, stating that this had happened around 11.15pm, just after Meraki Bar had closed.

PC Jenner advised that the time had been corroborated by PC Crawford and PC Murphy as being 12.01am.

Ms Galbraith referred to the inspection of the premises carried out by PC Jenner and claimed that PC Jenner had ripped a piece of wood from the toilet area, had gone behind the bar without permission and had searched through shelves. She denied that the knife found behind the bar area was accessible to customers and claimed that PC Jenner had commented that she was 'unfit to be DPM as she had baby brain'.

Ms Galbraith stressed that there were issues with fake ID and that this matter had been raised with Police Scotland and the LSO's. She advised that the 17 year old girl referred to in the incident on 24 August 2025 had received a lifetime ban from the premises.

Ms Galbraith denied that the toilets within the premises had been flooded as regular checks were carried out.

With regards to the incident on 14 February 2026, Ms Galbraith explained that the boy had only been within the premises to receive

first aid. She advised that CCTV cameras did not cover the stair area, however it was now intended to include a camera in this area.

Regarding the missing documents from the premises, Ms Galbraith explained that there were several email exchanges with the Licensing Section to obtained duplicate documents.

Referring to the proposed repairs required to the premises, Ms Galbraith advised that it had been claimed by the Police that sharp tiles within the toilet area could cut someone. Ms Galbraith stated that the tiles were from Temu and were made of foam. She advised that the kitchen area had not been in use for approximately one year, however all matters had been fixed.

With regards to the missing documents within the premises, the Clerk reminded Members that it had been ascertained at the premises licence review hearings in respect of the Meraki premises that the documents had been issued to the Accountant for the licence holder, which was the address that had been provided for the licence holder.

Referring to the operation of the premises, Ms Galbraith submitted that ID checks are carried out at the premises and if anyone was found to be in possession of fake ID, the ID was confiscated; If it was thought that a customer had enough to drink, they were no longer served and if over intoxicated, they were asked to leave the premises; anyone caught fighting within the premises was barred.

Ms Galbraith concluded that she worked every weekend and was more than capable of controlling the premises.

The Clerk asked for clarification as to what steps had been taken since the premises licence review hearing for Meraki Nightclub in April.

Ms Galbraith confirmed that 3 door stewards were now employed, any incidents within the premises were reported to PC Jenner via email, a staff rota has been made and all staff were to obtain personal licences.

The Clerk asked if body cameras were being worn.

Ms Galbraith confirmed that staff and stewards were using body cameras during their shifts and that all footage was moved to a laptop at the end of the night to prevent it from being lost.

Neither Sergeant Markin nor PC Jenner had any questions for Ms Galbraith.

The Clerk asked if any further incidents had been reported since the premises licence review hearing in April.

PC Jenner advised that on one occasion only one steward had been on duty, however when the matter had been pointed out to the licence holder, the matter was fixed within the hour.

Councillor Richardson asked if there had been any improvement in the operation of the premises.

Sergeant Markin stated that it was encouraging to report that there had been improvements in the operation of the premises and stressed that a review application would only be submitted when necessary.

There being no further questions, both parties were given the opportunity to sum up.

Sergeant Markin submitted that there was clear evidence that Ms Galbraith, as DPM of the premises had fallen short of what was required of her in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Ms Galbraith had nothing further to add to her earlier submission.

After full consideration of the review application, together with the submissions made by both parties, the Board agreed unanimously that the grounds for review had been established, namely Preventing Crime & Disorder, Securing Public Safety, Protecting & Improving Public Health and Protecting Children & Young Persons from Harm.

As the Board were satisfied that the grounds for review had been established, the Clerk invited parties to address the Board on the sanctions available to the Board and which they considered to be necessary or appropriate for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives, these steps being:-

1. **To revoke the Personal Licence.**
2. **To suspend the Personal Licence for a period not exceeding 6 months, as the Board considers appropriate; or**
3. **To endorse the Personal Licence.**

Sergeant Markin submitted that a recommendation had been made in the review application that the personal licence should be revoked, however due to the positive response since the premises licence review hearing, moved that an endorsement of the licence would be an acceptable outcome.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Clerk explained the endorsement process to Ms Galbraith.

Ms Galbraith moved that no action should be taken as everything that was asked following the premises licence review hearing had been put in place and there had been no further issues.

The Board adjourned to consider the matter.

Upon returning the Chair moved that the personal licence should be endorsed. This motion was seconded by Councillor Maitland. The Board agreed unanimously.

On behalf of the Members of the Board, the Clerk expressed their concern with regards to Ms Galbraith's attitude towards the Police. He stressed that Police Scotland did not seek a review unless matters were serious and it was hoped that, moving forward, Ms Galbraith would engage positively with Police Scotland, who were there to help.

7. PERSONAL LICENCE REVIEW HEARING

Review of personal licence EA/PL/2443/23 for Michelle English, in terms of Section 84A of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, following receipt of a notice issued by Police Scotland.

The Clerk advised that a personal licence review application had been received from Police Scotland in terms of Section 84(a) of the Act, that Michelle English had acted in a manner which was inconsistent with the licensing objectives, Preventing Crime & Disorder, Securing Public Safety, Protecting & Improving Public Health and Protecting Children & Young Persons from Harm.

Ms English was present at the meeting.

Police Scotland was represented at the review hearing by Sergeant David Markin and PC Guy Jenner.

In recognition of the premises licence review hearing in respect of Meraki Bar and Meraki Nightclub, heard at the meeting of East Ayrshire Licensing Board on 21 April 2026 and the above personal licence review hearing, all parties were of the view that there would be no advantage to hearing details of the events which led to the personal review hearing for a third time. Accordingly, all parties agreed to waive their right to a full hearing.

After consideration of the review application, the Board agreed unanimously that the grounds for review had been established, namely Preventing Crime & Disorder, Securing Public Safety, Protecting & Improving Public Health and Protecting Children & Young Persons from Harm and that the personal licence should be endorsed.

8. PERSONAL LICENCE REVIEW HEARING

Review of personal licence EA/PL/1513/15 for Ujjwal Karki following receipt of a notice in terms of Section 83 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act, 2005 from Police Scotland.

The Clerk advised that Ujjwal Karki had been convicted of a relevant offence in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

There being no preliminary matters raised, the review hearing continued in accordance with the agreed procedure, which was explained by the Clerk.

Sergeant Markin provided full details of the conviction.

Mr Karki was represented at the meeting by Sarita Khadka.

Ms Khadka submitted that Mr Karki had a momentary lapse of judgement and had made a mistake. She advised that she had known him for over two decades and that he was of good character.

Ms Khadka continued that Mr Karki had held a personal licence for 12 years with no issues. He had found the card, had been curious and had used the card to pay a minimal amount. Mr Karki was regretful of his actions, has paid the fine and apologises for the mistake.

The Clerk asked how Mr Karki was known to Ms Khadka.

Ms Khadka advised that she was the owner of The 43 Mexican Tex-Mex & Steakhouse and that Mr Karki had previously been designated Premises Manager. Mr Karki still worked within the premises, however no longer as DPM.

The Clerk asked if the charge had been theft by finding, which was confirmed by Sergeant Markin.

The Board adjourned to consider the matter.

After full consideration of the conviction, together with the submission made, the Board agreed unanimously that the grounds for review had been established, namely Preventing Crime & Disorder.

As the Board were satisfied that the grounds for review had been established, the Clerk invited parties to address the Board on the sanctions available to the Board and which they considered to be necessary or appropriate for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives, these steps being:-

1. **To revoke the Personal Licence.**
2. **To suspend the Personal Licence for a period not exceeding 6 months, as the Board considers appropriate; or**
3. **To endorse the Personal Licence.**

The Chair moved that the personal licence should be endorsed. This motion was seconded by Councillor Maitland. The Board agreed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12 Noon.

Appendix I

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

Stewart Brown

The Goldberry Arms
26 Bank Street
Kilmarnock

Details of the variation:-

Creation of two outdoor drinking areas, one to the front of the premises and one to the rear of the premises.

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

In relation to the proposed outdoor drinking area to the front of the premises, the Clerk advised that, should Members be minded to grant the variation, the applicant would require to apply for a Roads Permit prior to the area being used.

Mr Brown appeared before the Board and explained that the area to the rear of the premises had been used during Covid, however had not been used since. He wished to make full use of the area again.

East Ayrshire Council's Environmental Health Service had expressed concerns that the wall in the rear licensed area is below the recognised standard of 1.1 metres for a barrier. Mr Brown advised that a wooden beam had been installed and that Environmental Health were satisfied with that solution.

Mr Brown concluded that he was liaising with the Roads Service to obtain a Roads Permit for the area to the front of the premises and was aware that the area could not be used until the Permit had been obtained.

There being no objections or representations, the Board agreed unanimously to grant the variation.

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

The Little Margarita Truck Limited

Little Margarita
Unit 72 Magbiehill Park
56 Dunlop Road
Stewarton

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

Licensed Hours applied for	Off Sale
Sunday – Saturday	10am – 10pm

The premises will be a warehouse unit in an industrial estate.

The premises will operate as a warehouse for storage and despatch. Ancillary trade meetings and presentations may occur within and out with core hours and would consist of trade customers or groups only. No public access to facility except for click and collect service.

Recorded music/radio may be played for staff within and out with core licensed hours; Other general activities associated with the warehousing of alcohol will occur; the storage and dispatch point for sales incorporating warehouse and offices; Deliveries and click and collect service and general office activities.

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

Chloe Crawford of TLT Solicitors appeared before the Board to speak in support of the application, together with Deborah Duncan, Director of The Little Margarita Truck Limited.

Ms Crawford advised that her client was a responsible operator, with 35 years of experience in the hospitality industry and had held a personal licence for 20 years. With regards to the operation of the premises, three members of staff already had personal licences and a further three members of staff had personal licence applications pending.

Ms Crawford advised that thirteen letters of support from local businesses had been received in respect of the application. These letters were circulated to Board Members.

With regards to the business, Ms Crawford explained that The Little Margarita Truck is a mobile bar proving drinks such as frozen margarita, sangria, etc. at events such as weddings, parties and festivals. She continued that any alcohol despatched from the premises would be pre-paid. On delivery of any alcohol, ID would be checked, challenge 25 posters would be displayed and a refusals book would be available.

Addressing over provision, Ms Crawford noted from the Board's Policy Statement that 'There may be capacity for establishments which intend to offer specialist alcohol products or locally produced alcoholic products, which the Board determines would not increase the problems deriving from the current high concentration of Off-Sales premises in the locality and which will either fill gaps in existing service provision or will significantly enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. This may include businesses who wish to establish a business offering Off-Sales via online sales.'

Ms Crawford advised that the premises would not be open to the public and that there would be no direct availability from the premises. She continued that the business was not location based as events across Scotland and in the UK would be catered for.

Ms Crawford provided a statement on how the licensing objectives would be upheld, which was circulated to Members and concluded that should the licence be granted, 3 new jobs would be created in the local area; that there would be no direct public access to the premises; that the application has received support from local business and no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application.

Ms Crawford commended the application and moved that the licence be granted.

Referring to the request to provide click and collect facilities, the Clerk asked for clarification as to who the customers would be.

Ms Crawford advised that it was not intended to provide a click and collect service at the moment, however this may be introduced later. She stressed that should the request to provide a click and collect service affect the granting of the licence, her client would be happy to remove this request.

Councillor Maitland had no issues with the introduction of a click and collect service being provided in the future.

Councillor Filson was of the opinion that the click and collect service should not form part of the application. Should the facility be required in the future, a variation application could be lodged.

Ms Crawford asked that the request to provide a click and collect service be removed from the application.

The Board agreed unanimously to grant the provisional premises licence, as amended.

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

Ankit Parekh	11 Mauchline Road Hurlford

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

Licensed Hours applied for	Off Sale
Sunday – Saturday	10am – 10pm

The premises will operate as a ground floor general grocer. Background music may be played within the premises both within and outwith the core licensed hours.

The proposed alcohol display area is 25.45m2.

Disabled Access Statement – The premises has level access at the doorway and accessible toilets will be available.

The Clerk outlined the application and advised that one objection had been received in respect of the application. He explained that as no Section 50 Certificate regarding the suitability of the premises for the sale of alcohol had been received from Environmental Health, the application required to be downgraded to an application for a provisional premises licence.

Ankit Parekh appeared before the Board to speak in support of the application.

The objector was not present or represented at the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Parekh was in receipt of the letter of objection and had no preliminary matters to raise.

Referring to the letter of objection, the Clerk confirmed that the grounds of objection were that the granting of the licence would be inconsistent with the licensing objectives, preventing public nuisance and protecting & improving public health. The objector was also of the opinion that the premises are unsuitable for the sale of alcohol having regard to their location, character and condition.

The letter of objection was thereafter circulated to Members.

The hearing continued in accordance with the agreed procedure, which was explained by the Clerk.

Addressing the letter of objection, Mr Parekh advised that the objector lived in one of the flats above the shop. Due to a leak from the flat above into the application premises, he had spoken with the objector and had ascertained that he was a tenant of the property and intended to leave the flat soon.

With regards to parking issues, Mr Parekh explained that there were five parking bays outside the premises, however he was making arrangements to provide parking to the rear of the premises. This parking area could be used by customers and residents of neighbouring properties.

Mr Parekh submitted that the premises was being refurbished and a new roof had been installed.

Mr Parekh advised that he currently operated a shop in Ayr with 5 staff members. The application premises had been owned by his father for some time and he felt that it was now time to open it.

Mr Parekh continued that between 13 and 18 new jobs would be created, approximately £200k would be spent on wages and that the premises would be a benefit to the community.

The Clerk asked how long the premises had been empty.

Mr Parekh advised that his father had bought the premises in 2020 and it was thought that the premises had been empty for 8 years prior to the purchase.

The Clerk asked if Mr Parekh was an independent trader.

Mr Parekh advised that he operated as part of the Keystore chain.

The Clerk asked if the objector still lived in the upstairs flat.

Mr Parskh advised that the objector was a tenant of the flat, however he had no direct contact with him. If there were any issues with the flat, he would contact the landlord via the company 24/7.

The Clerk noted the objector's ongoing concerns with litter and use of residential bins by members of the public.

Mr Parskh submitted that there was a hot food takeaway and a butcher's shop next to the application premises and proposed to arrange to have the bins for all three premises located in one place, on private land.

The Clerk asked if bins could be provided at the front of the shop for use by members of the public. Mr Parskh undertook to provide bins to the front of the premises.

Councillor Maitland asked if Mr Parskh had discussed his parking proposals with neighbours. Mr Parskh confirmed that he had discussed the arrangements and that the neighbours were happy.

Councillor Maitland asked if the loading bay for the premises was on the main road. Mr Parskh advised that there was no loading bay to the front of the premises. Deliveries would be made to the rear of the shop, normally between 10am and 11am and were delivered in cages to limit noise.

After full considered of the application, the letter of objection and the submissions made, the Board agreed unanimously to grant the provisional licence.

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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED HOURS

CXZ Fenwick Ltd — The Fenwick Hotel
Fenwick

13 & 19 June 2026
From 11am until 30 minutes after the final whistle ending the game.
Request for children/young persons to be in attendance.

The Clerk reminded Members of their decision at a meeting on Tuesday 17 March 2026 to support extended hours to cater for the World Cup and to attach the following conditions:-

- **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.**

The Clerk advised that an application for extended hours hade been received in respect of The Fenwick Hotel, with a request to permit children and young persons to attend the event.

The applicant was not present at the meeting, however had lodged a written submission explaining that, while all other conditions agreed by the Board would be adhered to, a request was made that children and young persons be permitted to attend the family event. The applicant had explained that the hotel has dedicated function rooms, creating a controlled, safe, family friendly environment and allowing the careful management of those attending, behavours and safeguarding measures, particularly for younger guests. The applicant had requested Members to consider the event as an organised family occasion.

The Board agreed unanimously to grant the extended hours and that the condition stating that no children or young persons will be permitted entry during the extended hours period should not apply.

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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED HOURS

The Park Hotel Ayrshire Limited

The Park Hotel
Rugby Park
Kilmarnock

13, 19 & 24 June 2026
From 11am until 30 minutes after the final whistle ending the game.
Request for children/young persons to be in attendance.

Mr Gordon Anthony, General Manager of The Park Hotel, appeared before the Board and explained that it was intended to provide an organised family event at The Park Hotel to celebrate the World Cup. He advised that childrens activities would be arranged and food would be available on arrival. Ticket prices would be £15, with children's tickets being half price. He continued that stewards would be provided by Speirs Security and first aiders would be present throughout the extended hours.

Councillor Richardson noted that events which took place at The Park Hotel during the European games were well operated.

The Board agreed unanimously to grant the extended hours and that the condition stating that no children or young persons will be permitted entry during the extended hours period should not apply.

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