

LICENSING BOARD

ABERDEEN, 15 April 2025. Minute of meeting of the LICENSING BOARD.
Present: Councillor Copland, Convener; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Boulton, Hazel Cameron, Crockett, Fairfull, Grant, Greig and McLeod.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 29 JANUARY 2025

1. The Board had before it for its consideration the minutes of the meeting of 29 January 2025.

The Board resolved:

To approve the minute.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 31 MARCH 2025

2. The Board had before it for its consideration the minutes of the meeting of 31 March 2025.

The Board resolved:

The approve the minute.

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT - PHIL MACKIE, CONSULTANT IN PUBLIC HEALTH, NHS GRAMPIAN

3. The Board heard from Mr Phil Mackie in response to the Gambling Policy Statement which was before the Board at the meeting of 29 January 2025.

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE - WINGSTOP, UNIT FS16, UNION SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE, ABERDEEN

4. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and everything was within policy. The applicant had accepted Duty of Care and CCTV conditions prior to the Board meeting.

The Board heard from Jacqui Birrell on behalf of the applicant. The Premises Manager was also in attendance online. Ms Birrell agreed to the imposition of the Delivery Driver Conditions on behalf of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

The grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - IBIS HOTEL, SHIPROW, ABERDEEN

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5. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that the applicant had not agreed to the usual Outdoor Drinking Conditions.

The Board heard from David Hossack on behalf of the applicant. The Licence Holder was also present.

Mr Hossack explained there are a number of changes to the current licence requested including a new Outdoor Drinking area. The applicant did not agree to the Outdoor Drinking Conditions which were discussed at length by the Board.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application with a number of additional conditions to be imposed on the licence: a properly staffed pop-up bar must be in place at all times the external area is in use; entertainment may only be provided in the external area for the Tall Ships and Offshore Europe events, and such other events as agreed in advance with the Licensing Standards Officers and Environmental Health department; entry to the external area must be controlled by staff when in use; and an appropriate safety plan for the external area must be in place at all times.

It was agreed that a new layout plan must be submitted removing the pavement area from the requested outdoor licenced area.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - ROYAL THAI, 29 CROWN TERRACE, ABERDEEN

6. Councillor McLeod left the meeting at this point.

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and everything was within policy.

The Board heard from the LSO who explained the requested variation is to correct an error on the Operating Plan.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - SAINSBURY'S, UNIT W1, ST NICHOLAS SHOPPING CENTRE, ABERDEEN

7. Councillor McLeod re-joined the meeting.

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and everything was within policy.

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The Board thereafter heard from Stephen McGowan on behalf of the applicant. Joanne Surguy was also in attendance and is the General Manager of the store.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED HOURS - PROHIBITION - 14 MAY

8. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been an LSO objection and Police representation to the application.

The applicant was not in attendance.

The Board heard from the Police and LSO.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To refuse the application as the events did not warrant an extension to the Core Hours.

EQUALITIES OUTCOME PROGRESS REPORT 2025 - 2029

9. The Board heard from Laura McGhee who introduced the report.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To accept the report.

LICENSING FORUM UPDATE

10. The Board heard from Elaine Mottram, Chair of the Local Licensing Forum with an update from the Forum.

LSO UPDATE

11. The Board heard from Stephen Stewart, Licensing Standards Officer who advised the Board that there were no update from the LSO's.

CLERK UPDATE - THE BRENTWOOD HOTEL

12. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that the Premises Licence for The Brentwood Hotel had been reinstated. A valid transfer application was received and payment of the outstanding annual fee was made.