

LICENSING BOARD

ABERDEEN, 28 January 2025. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING BOARD.
Present:- Councillor , Convener; Councillor , Vice-Convener; and Councillors
Al-Samarai, Boulton, Cameron, Crockett, Fairfull, Greig and McLeod.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2024

1. Minutes of Meeting of 10 DECEMBER 2024

The Board had before it for its consideration the minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2024.

The Board resolved:

To approve the minute.

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

2. N/A

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - THISTLE CONVENIENCE STORE, 36A THISTLE STREET

3. 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 thereafter heard from Alan Watt on behalf of the applicant, in support of the application.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - ESKER SPIRITS, 5 CAIRN GARDENS

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 Board heard from the applicant, Steven Duthie in support of the application.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

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APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL LICENCE - 4 CLUNIE PLACE, ABERDEEN

5. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that the application had attracted eight objections and one representation of support.

The Board heard from two objectors to the licence who were present at the meeting.

The Board thereafter heard from Selvaruban Selvarajah, the applicant, in support of his application.

The Board heard from the LSO's who confirmed they had no objections to the licence.

The Board heard from the Police who confirmed they had no comments on the application.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To refuse the application on the grounds it was contrary to the following licensing objectives: Preventing Crime and Disorder; Securing Public Safety; Preventing Public Nuisance; Protecting and Improving Public Health; and Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm.

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL LICENCE - MAKI & RAMEN, UNIT FS14A, UNION SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE

6. 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 Jacqui Birrell who was representing the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - MARKS & SPENCER, UNION SQUARE, ABERDEEN

7. 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 thereafter heard from Patrick Robson on behalf of the applicant. Luke Smith was also in attendance and is the General Manager of the store.

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The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE - NINJA SUSHI, 28 ALBYN GROVE, ABERDEEN

8. 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 thereafter heard from Martin Calder, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE - TRIPLE KIRKS (GROUND FLOOR), SCHOOLHILL, ABERDEEN

9. 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 thereafter heard from Audrey Junner, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - SAINSBURY'S, 313 GEORGE STREET, ABERDEEN

10. 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 thereafter heard from Stephen McGowan, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

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APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - SAINSBURY'S, 54 GUILD STREET, ABERDEEN

11. 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 thereafter heard from Stephen McGowan, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - SAINSBURY'S, 124 HOLBURN STREET, ABERDEEN

12. 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 thereafter heard from Stephen McGowan, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

EXTENDED HOURS APPLICATIONS

13. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there were a number of extended hours applications before the Board. All of which were requesting hours out with policy for the Superbowl event on 10 February 2025.

13.1 Application for Extended Hours – Brewdog – 10 February 2025

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and conditions had been agreed by the applicant.

The Board thereafter heard from Audrey Junner, representative of the applicant.

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13.2 Application for Extended Hours – Bridge Street Social Club – 10 February 2025

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and conditions had been agreed by the applicant.

The Board thereafter heard from Eric McMillan, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

13.3 Application for Extended Hours – The Bobbin – 10 February 2025

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and conditions had been agreed by the applicant.

The Board thereafter heard from Audrey Junner, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

13.4 Application for Extended Hours – Triple Kirks (Ground Floor) – 10 February 2025

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and conditions had been agreed by the applicant.

The Board thereafter heard from Audrey Junner, representative of the applicant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED HOURS - MA CAMERON'S - 10 FEBRUARY 2025

13.5. The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board that there had been no objections or representations received and conditions had been agreed by the applicant.

The Board thereafter heard from Paul McDonald, DPM at the Premises.

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The Board heard from Councillor Boulton who recommended the application be granted to 4am, rather than 3am in line with the other applications before the Board and to avoid patrons being requested to leave before the end of the show.

The Board heard from the Police who had no objections to this proposal.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LICENCE GRANT

14.1. The Board had before it a letter from Police Scotland.

The Board heard from Tony Dawson on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was also present at the meeting.

The Board heard from Sargeant Grant.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the licence.

15.1 Premises Licence Review - AC0068 – Dizzys/Valentinos, 70 Carden Place, Aberdeen

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board, that the LSO had prepared their report for this premises.

The LSO had nothing further to add.

The licence holder was not present.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To revoke the licence.

15.2 Premises Licence Review - AC981 – Faffless, 47 Netherkirkgate, Aberdeen

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board, that the LSO had prepared their report for this premises.

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The LSO added they had contacted the Premises Licence Holder on 27 January 2025 who had also been unable to contact the premises owner.

The licence holder was not present.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To revoke the licence.

15.3 Premises Licence Review - AC0401 – The Brentwood Hotel, 99 Crown Street, Aberdeen

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board, that the LSO had prepared their report for this premises.

The LSO added that they had attempted to make contact numerous times but had been unable to contact the licence holder.

The licence holder was not present.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To revoke the licence.

15.4 Premises Licence Review - AC0594 – Zabka, 176 – 178 King Street, Aberdeen

The Board heard from Sandy Munro, Depute Clerk to the Board, that the LSO had prepared their report for this premises.

The LSO had nothing further to add.

The licence holder was not present.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To revoke the licence.

16. General Direction 2025

The Board heard from Sandy Munro who explained the Board had before it the responses from the recent consultation regarding a General Direction for 2025.

The Board unanimously resolved:

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To grant an hour's extension on 19 July, 20 July, 21 July, 22 July, 1 September, 2 September, 3 September, 4 September, 5 September, 31 October; Fridays and Saturdays throughout December; and 24 December; 31 December and 1 January 2026 for all 'on consumption' premises who do not exceed the maximum of 15 hours continuous trading in any 24 hour period as per the Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy.

17. Gambling Act 2005 – Gambling Policy Statement – Report by the Depute Clerk to the Board

The Board heard from Laura McGhee who introduced the Gambling Policy Statement for 2025 – 2028.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To agree to the recommendations.

18. Licensing Forum Update

The Board heard from Elaine Mottram, Chair, Local Licensing Forum that there are no update for the Licensing Forum. The next meeting is in two weeks time so they anticipate an update for the next Licensing Board on 15 April 2025.

19. LSO - Update

The Board heard from John Philip, Licensing Standards Officer who advised that there are no updates.