

LICENSING BOARD

ABERDEEN, 23 September 2025. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING BOARD.
Present:- Councillor Copland, Convener; Councillor , Vice-Convener; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Boulton, Crockett, Grant, Greig and McLeod.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 1 JULY 2025

1.

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

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - ARI CONVENIENCE STORE, UNIT 1, CORNHILL SHOPPING CENTRE, CORNHILL DRIVE, ABERDEEN

2.

The Board heard from Alan Watt who was representing the applicant. Sandy Munro introduced the application and explained the application had attracted one public objection. The public objector was present in the meeting.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - SKENE STREET CONVENIENCE SHOP, 55 SKENE STREET, ABERDEEN

3.

The Board heard from Alan Watt who was representing the applicant. The applicant was also present in the meeting. There had been no objections or representations received and everything was within policy.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - GREENS OF HILLHEAD, HILLHEAD STUDENT VILLAGE, DON STREET, ABERDEEN

4.

The Board heard from Andy Mills on behalf of the applicant. There had been no objections or representations received and everything was within policy.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE - UNIT 19, MASTRICK SHOPPING CENTRE, GREENFERN PLACE, ABERDEEN

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5.

The Board heard from Anthony Dawson on behalf of the applicant. There had been no objections or representations received and everything was within policy.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - MERKUR CASINO, 61 SUMMER STREET, ABERDEEN

6.

The Board heard from Niall Hassard on behalf of the applicant. The General Manager of the premises was also present. There had been no representations or objections received.

The Board heard from the LSO's who had carried out a visit to the premises and confirmed they had no objections.

The Convenor expressed his concerns for a conflict with the applicants Premises Licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and their Gambling Licence under the Gambling Act 2005 and recommended they consider this. The applicant confirmed he will pick this up with the Clerk of the Board.

The Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - CHINA KINGDOM, 12-16 GUILD STREET, ABERDEEN

7.

The Board heard from Fahd Khan, the Premises Manager and Lease Holder for the premises. There had been no objections or representations and everything was within policy.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - GILCOMSTON BAR, 5 GILCOMSTON STEPS, ABERDEEN

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The application was introduced by Sandy Munro who explained the premises is outwith the City Centre and so the requested change to the terminal hour to 1am is outwith Policy on a Sunday to Thursday.

Stephen McGowan was present on behalf of the applicant and was joined by the applicants themselves. There was one public objection to the application.

The Board resolved:

To grant the amendments; the amendment to hours was granted within Policy only – a terminal hour of 1am on a Friday and Saturday.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - SHOTZ, ARCH 13, SOUTH COLLEGE STREET, ABERDEEN**9.**

The Board heard from Marc Fleming, the applicant. There had been no objections or representations and everything was within policy.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR VARIATION - ST MACHAR BAR, 97 HIGH STREET, OLD ABERDEEN, ABERDEEN**10.**

The Board heard from Graeme Hetherington, the owner of the premises who was joined by the applicant. The application had attracted two objections, one representation and one letter of support.

The Board unanimously resolved:

To grant the application. Councillors requested the Environmental Health team visit the premises to advise on noise and sound levels. The LSO's confirmed they will facilitate this.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LICENCE GRANT**11.**

The Convenor advised there was no representative from Police Scotland present at the meeting and so the Board resolved to defer this application to the meeting on 2 December.

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12.

The Board agreed the Board dates subject to two changes: 30 June date amended to 24 June and 1 December date amended to 2 December.

LSO UPDATE

13.

The LSO's updated the Board that they are back doing routine premises inspections following the Tall Ships event. They are working with nightclubs in the City Centre as they are aware of promotions being offered to increase footfall so are ensuring these are within the law and policy.