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6 June 2025

To:- Councillors Grant (Chair), Bell, Brennan-Whitefield, Kilbride, Pollock, Scott and Townson.

Dear Councillor

SOUTH AYRSKIRE LICENSING BOARD

You are requested to participate in the meeting of the above Board to be held on **Thursday 12 June 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

This meeting will be held on a hybrid basis in County Hall for Elected Members with a remote option, will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/>

Please note that a briefing meeting will take place for all Board Members at 9.15 a.m., online and in the Prestwick Committee Room.

Yours sincerely

CATRIONA CAVES
Clerk to the Licensing Board

B U S I N E S S

1. Declarations of Interest.
2. Date of Next Board Meeting – 21 August 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Minutes of previous meeting of Thursday 22 May 2025.
(copy herewith).

4. Report by Licensing Standards Officer.
5. Personal Licences Revoked – Submit report by the Clerk to the Board Pages 9 -10
(copy herewith) (Members Only).
6. **Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**
 - (a) Application for Variation (copy herewith). Pages 11-29
 - (b) Application for Occasional Licence (copy herewith) Pages 30 - 33
7. Any Other Business

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There was a large public bar and a VIP bar within, with the whole area covered by an Occasional Licence. She attended each day to liaise with colleagues from Police Scotland and to monitor the operation of the bar areas;

- (4) that she was particularly pleased to report back on the supervision of both the bars which was carried out by hands on, knowledgeable and very visible managers on the day. That meant bar staff were in turn well briefed, the que well managed and staff had the time and support to assess the person they served. This was an over 18's only event and alcoholic and soft drinks were purchased using tokens, the efficiency at the bar area itself was obvious. Licensing signage was prominently on display and drinking water was available on request, with that being highlighted on the price lists at the bars. Stewarding of the que at the public bar was also very well managed by SIA badged stewards who was good at interacting with the crowd and supporting the staff at the bar;
- (5) that Ayr Agricultural Show also recently took place at the Racecourse with Occasional Licences in place for the secretary tent, members bar, public bar and individual hospitality at some of the traders areas. When the bar was due to open there was a considerable que waiting for entry to the fenced off area, however this dispersed very quickly when the gate opened, this was due to the efficient system employed by the stewards and the agreed increase in capacity, which also meant that a food truck was also sited within the area. A pre-show planning meeting for the event is always organised by the show secretary Lorraine Barclay who ensured that briefing packs are provided to the hospitality providers before the show. The advance planning and consultation regarding the licence had ensured the efficiency of the licensed areas over the past number of years and is an example of good practice;
- (6) that reports from the local trade suggested that patrons from the show did continue on to premises within Ayr town centre after the event closed, with food led premises and those with entertainment reporting increased trade;
- (7) that the recent good weather had sparked an increase in demand for outside drinking areas at licensed venues. Some premises already have permission for this in their operating plan, it rarely relates to tables and chairs on a public footpath or beside a road. Possession of an open container of alcohol in a public space without the benefit of a liquor licence is an offence. Therefore, it is important that licence holders ensure that alcohol is not served to or consumed at external seating areas at the front or side of premises without this being included in their licence;
- (8) that additionally, she noted a number of premises advertising 'entertainment' in their external drinking areas that had not been included in the operating plan. That ranged from the erection of outdoor television screens and speakers to the creation of outdoor stages, offering DJ's and live musicians. Whilst again there are a few premises who had permission for this, following an application to the Board, consultation with other departments, the local community and the production of an acoustic report and noise management plan, there are a number of premises who do not. This is important as it could lead to neighbour complaints, noise issues, anti-social behaviour and ultimately a breach of the licensing objectives; and
- (9) that she recently approached a few premises regarding that, and applications are expected at future Board meetings. However, she proposed to write to all premises in the area to remind them of the need for applications and the importance of obtaining permission before offering that to customers. She would appreciate the Boards support of that proposal as whilst we are very keen to see premises in the area thrive, there is a clear process in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and South Ayrshire Board have a clear policy to ensure that all premises are treated equally with regards to applications and that the licensing objectives are upheld.

The Board

Decided: to note the update from the LSO.

5. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a **report** (issued – Members only) of 10 March 2025 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of eleven Personal Licences.

The Board

Decided: to note the revocation of eleven Personal Licences since the last Board meeting.

6. **Applications for Transfers Granted Under Delegated Powers**

There was submitted a **report** (issued) of 8 May 2025 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the following determination of an application for the Transfer of a Licence between the last Board meeting and this Board:-

- (1) The Wee Mans, 31 Green Street, Ayr
The above premises licence was transferred to LAL (Public House) Limited on 15th April 2025.
- (2) The Saints (formerly The Castle Inn), 49 Cassilis Road, Maybole
The above premises licence was transferred to Sandi Graham on 1st May 2025.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfer granted under delegated powers.

7. **Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**

(a) **Application for Provisional Grant**

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

(1) T.J Morris (Scot) Limited

Premises

Home Bargains
30 Parkhouse Street
Ayr

Off Sale

Monday	10:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	10:00 – 22:00
Wednesday	10:00 – 22:00
Thursday	10:00 – 22:00
Friday	10:00 – 22:00
Saturday	10:00 – 22:00

Having heard from the Depute Clerk and a representative from T.J. Morris (Scot) Limited,
The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

7 (b) Application for Variation

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

(1) Motor Fuel Limited
Station

Premises

Ayr (Castlehill Road) Service

Castlehill Road
Ayr

Change off sale core hours to 10am to 10pm each day following grant of a planning permission variation.

Having heard from the Depute Clerk and the applicant's representative,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Order of business varied under Standing Order No. 13.3, to consider application 7(c) at the end of the meeting.

7 (d) Premises ceasing to exist

The Board noted that the following licence now ceased to exist as the licence had been surrendered.

(1) Venue 38, 38A Carrick Street, Ayr

Decided: to note the Premises Licence ceasing to exist.

Councillors Kilbride and Scott left the meeting at this point.

7 (c) Application for Personal Licence – Daniel James Allan

Continued application from 24 April 2025.

The Board then heard from the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, Police Scotland, the Applicant and a friend of the Applicant, who spoke to their letter of recommendation for the Applicant, and following questions,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

9. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked officers and the Board for their hard work and concluded the meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:37.

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Agenda Item No. 5

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**REPORT BY THE CLERK
TO THE LICENSING BOARD
OF 12 JUNE 2025**

Subject: Revocation of Personal Licences

1. Purpose

To advise members on the revocations of personal licences.

2. Recommendation

To note the terms of the report

3. Background

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 introduced personal licences. It is a condition of the personal licence that (a) the applicant undertakes refresher training within five years of the date of issue of the licence and (b) no later than 3 months after the expiry of five years from the date of issue produces evidence of the training to the Board. Failure to complete either part of the process means that the Board must revoke the personal licence. (Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 section 87(3))

4. Current Position

Since the last report to the Board, a further 11 personal licences have been revoked under delegated powers. All licence holders affected have been advised by post to their last known address of the revocation of their licences. Revoked licence holders can still take refresher training and then reapply for another personal licence although there is a cost of £50 for the new application. (There is no fee payable if the refresher training is completed and intimated to the Board on time.)

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Date. 29th May 2025

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Application for Variation of Premises Licence

1.	Bourne Leisure Limited		Bonga Wonga Show Bar Craig Tara Heads of Ayr Dunure Road Ayr	
	Existing Licensed Hours		Proposed Licensing Hours	
	On Sales	Off Sales	On Sales	Off Sales
Monday	12:00 – 02:00	12:00 – 22:00	12:00 – 02:00	10:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	12:00 – 02:00	12:00 – 22:00	12:00 – 02:00	10:00 – 22:00
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Sunday	12:30 – 02:00	12:30 – 22:00	12:00 – 02:00	10:00 – 22:00
To amend the hours for the sale of alcohol on the premises on Sundays only to 12.00 – 02.00 the following morning				
To amend the hours for the sale of alcohol off the premises Monday to Sunday to 10.00 – 22.00				
To amend question 4 of the operating plan regarding seasonal variations to state “No”.				

2.

Bourne Leisure Limited

Live Lounge
Craig Tara
Heads of Ayr
Dunure Road
Ayr

	Existing Licensed Hours		Proposed Licensing Hours	
	On Sales	Off Sales	On Sales	Off Sales
Monday	12:00 – 02:00	12:00 – 22:00	12:00 – 02:00	10:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	12:00 – 02:00	12:00 – 22:00	12:00 – 02:00	10:00 – 22:00
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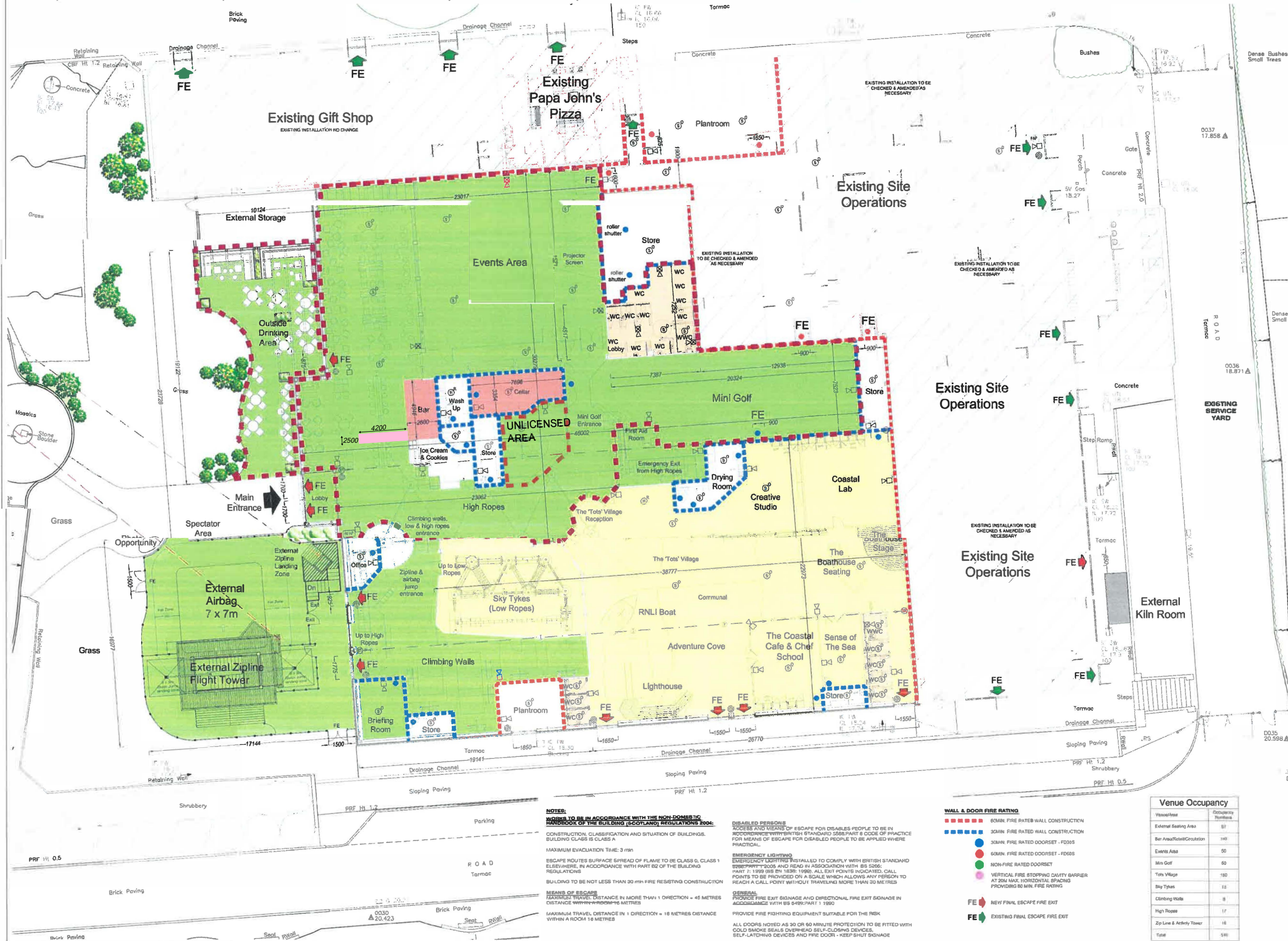
To amend question 4 of the operating plan regarding seasonal variations to state “No”.

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| 3. | Bourne Leisure Limited | The Lighthouse Bar
Craig Tara
Heads of Ayr
Dunure Road
Ayr |
| <p>To amend question 4 of the operating plan regarding seasonal variations to state "No".
Amend premises description to read - The Lighthouse Bar is an activity/recreational/social area for the use of customers staying at the holiday park.
Amend layout plan to show extended original bar to accommodate a further till point, full range of beer taps, spirits and fridges</p> | | |
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| 4. | Bourne Leisure Limited | Brigs Of Ayr
Craig Tara
Heads of Ayr
Dunure Road
Ayr |
| <p>To amend question 4 of the operating plan regarding seasonal variations to state "No".
Amend Layout Plan to show additional outdoor bar.
Amend description to read – "Restaurant/Bar with outside decking area. There are two further outside seating areas, one being a container fitted as a bar and the other named "Bunker Bar" both to serve those customers using the outside seating areas.</p> | | |
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| 5. | Buzzworks Hospitality Ltd | The Fox
18 West Portland Street
Troon |
| <p>Changes to Operating Plan
Requesting approval of outdoor drinking facilities, comprising two tables and four chairs situated in a designated area adjacent to the front entrance to the premises.
Changes to Layout Plan
Inclusion in the Layout Plan of an external drinking area comprising two tables and four chairs on the pavement of West Portland Street immediately adjacent to the front entrance of the premises.</p> | | |
| <p>Police
There is no Police objections to the above application however make the following representation in relation to the application: -
1. For the safety of others, glasses are not left unattended when patrons leave the premise as these could easily be used as weapons
2. The space left on the pavement is sufficient for others to pass the locus with ease and not put others at risk.</p> | | |

6.	Buzzworks Property Limited	The Buf 36 Main Street Prestwick		
	Existing Licensed Hours		Proposed Licensing Hours	
	On Sales	Off Sales	On Sales	Off Sales
Monday	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00
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Sunday	12:00 – 02:30	12:00 – 22:00	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00
<p>Amend On consumption hours from 12.00 to 02.30 on Thursday and Sunday to 10.00 until 00.30</p> <p>Amend the start time for off-sales hours on Thursday and Sunday from 12.00 to 10.00</p> <p>Apply terminal hour of 3.30am on 24th and 25th and 31st December and 1st January regardless of what day of the week they fall in each year.</p> <p>Amend operating plan to include indoor/outdoor sport during core licensed hours.</p> <p>Premises may be open from 9am for tea/coffee, breakfasts and morning meetings and facilities will be available from that time.</p> <p>Amend operating plan to include markets, pool table, music and television in the outdoor drinking area including live music between 3.00pm and 8.00pm</p> <p>Allow young persons (age 16 and 17 years) to be permitted as employees with regard to service of food until 10pm</p>				

Craig Tara Holiday Park

Proposed Turnberry Gardens Redevelopment - Proposed License Plan



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Fire Alarm Legend	
①	BREAK GLASS MANUAL CALL POINT
②	HEAT DETECTOR, FIRED RATE
③	HEAT DETECTOR, TYPE NAME OF FIRE
④	SMOKE DETECTOR, OPTICAL TYPE
⑤	SMOKE DETECTOR, DUCT MOUNTED
⑥	SMOKE DETECTOR, CEILING MOUNTED WITH REMOTE INDICATOR
⑦	SMOKE DETECTOR, BEAM TYPE (RECEPTOR)
⑧	SMOKE DETECTOR, BEAM TYPE (TRANSMITTER)
⑨	ELECTRONIC SOUNDER
⑩	COMBINATION ACTION SOUNDER & ELECTRONIC SOUNDER
⑪	WIRELESS SOUNDER
⑫	MAGNETIC DOOR HOLDER
⑬	FIREMAN CONTROL PANEL
⑭	FIRE ALARM INTERFERENCE
⑮	FIRE ALARM PANEL
⑯	INTERFERENCE LINE
⑰	REPEATER/FIRE ALARM PANEL
⑱	SMOKE DETECTOR WITH INTEGRAL SOUNDER
⑲	HEAT DETECTOR WITH INTEGRAL SOUNDER
⑳	COMBINED SMOKE DETECTOR, BEACON & SOUNDER
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B	Minor amendments, Photo Opportunity revised to First Aid Room, Toby Village updated as proposed, some minor external works revisions	06.04.19
A	Details	06.01.19
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BOURNE LEISURE LTD.

CRAIG TARA HOLIDAY PARK
Danure Road, Ayr, KA7 4LB

Proposed Turnberry Gardens Redevelopment

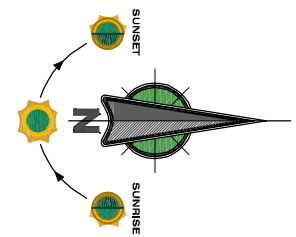
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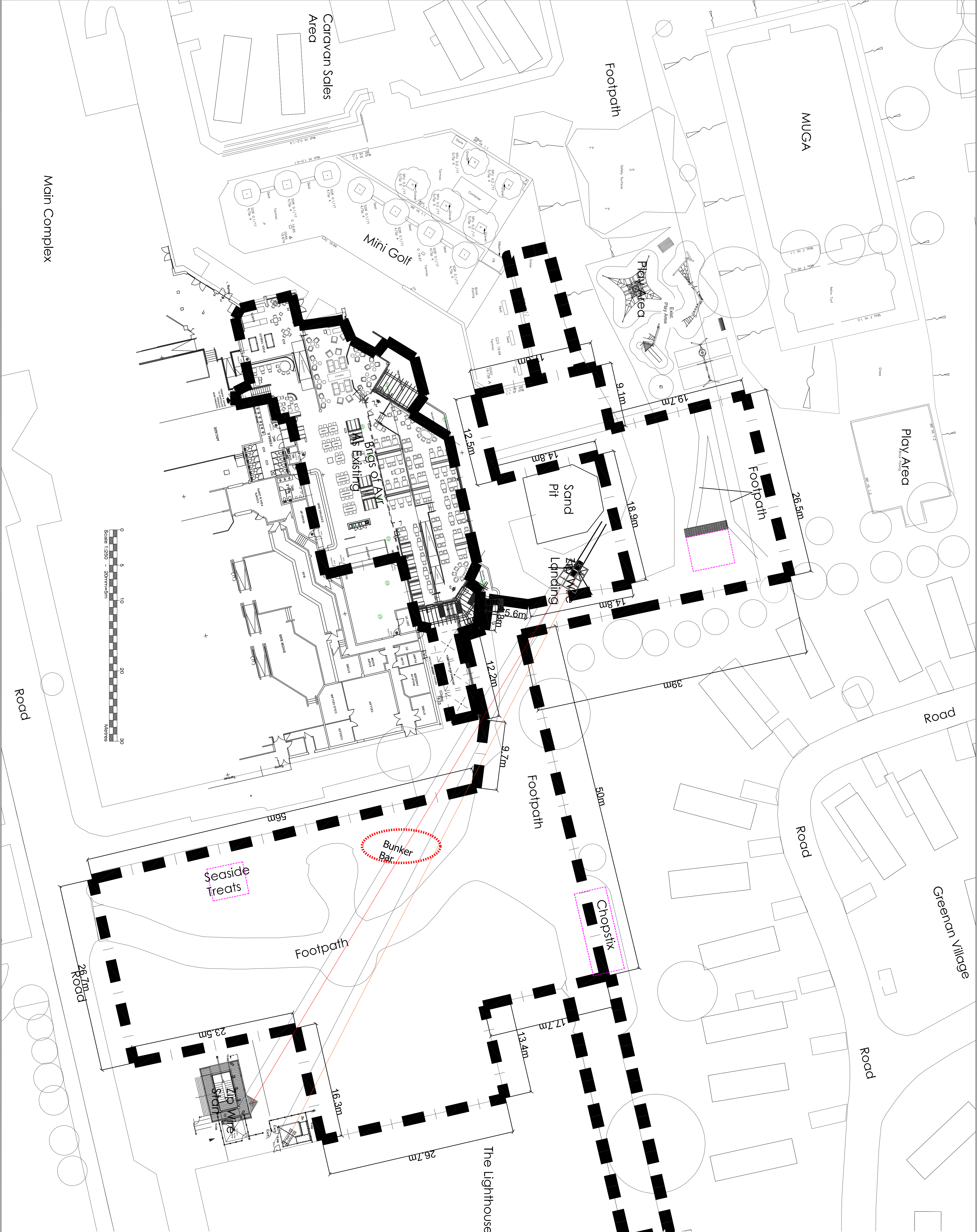
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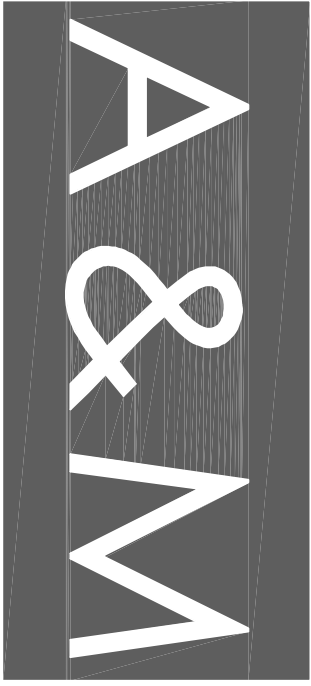
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Legend

Area to be used for licensable Activities



E	Minor Amendments	RW	28.02.22
D	Minor Amendments	RW	10.02.22
C	2022 Upstates	RW	08.02.22
B	Minor Amendments	RW	30.07.21
A	Minor Amendments	RW	29.07.21
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Project: Outdoor Entertainment Works

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Main Complex

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Footpath

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The Lighthouse

Bunker Bar

Seaside Treats

Chopstix

Play Area

Play Area

Sand Pit

Landing

Mini Golf

Brigs of Ayr

Caravan Sales Area

Road

Main Complex

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Main Complex

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Buzzworks Hospitality Ltd – The Fox, West Portland Street, Troon

Application for Variation

Information from LSO

The premises licence for the Fox in West Portland Street, Troon has been held by Buzzworks Hospitality Ltd since July 2014.

There is currently no permission to have outside drinking at the premises however over the past few years in particular the operators have found that having a few tables and chairs at the front of the premises has proved popular with customers. In South Ayrshire there is a byelaw that prohibits having an open container of alcohol in a public place and this therefore prevents the consumption of alcohol on the pavement outside the premises in the absence of a licence.

Members were keen to deliver a clear message to the licensed trade regarding obtaining appropriate permissions for the use of external drinking areas following a report and discussions at the South Ayrshire Licensing Board meeting in May 2025.

Having been reminded of the need for an application, the applicant has lodged a copy of the permission they have obtained from the Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) for the use of the public footpath and have requested the use of two tables and four chairs for the consumption of alcohol by way of variation to their operating plan and layout plan.

The location of the premises is in West Portland Street in Troon in a row of commercial premises that back on to a residential street. The footpath is not extra wide and members may wish to consider if the location of the tables and chairs permits adequate space for wheelchairs, pushchairs and pedestrians without the need for them to walk on the road which would be contrary to the licensing objective 'protecting public safety'.

The Board would usually require that any external drinking area is delineated to ensure that patrons do not leave that area with alcohol and, in order to monitor the behaviour and safety of patrons, CCTV covering the outside drinking area would usually be requested. This would be consistent with the licensing objective 'preventing crime and disorder' and 'securing public safety'. Furthermore, the Board have requested the use of non-glass receptacles at outdoor events and in outdoor drinking areas which are accessible to or beside the public and Members may wish to consider this as a condition in order to comply with the licensing objectives 'securing public safety' and 'preventing public nuisance'.

This report is provided for further information of the Licensing Board and members may wish to consider including these suggestions as conditions (in addition to any suggested by other consultees) if they were minded to grant the application.

Suggested conditions:

- Delineation by way of a barrier or similar must be in place when the outside drinking area is in use
- CCTV covering the outside drinking area must be available
- Glass alternative receptacles must be used for the consumption of alcohol outside the premises
- No outside drinking beyond 10pm

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
29th May 2025

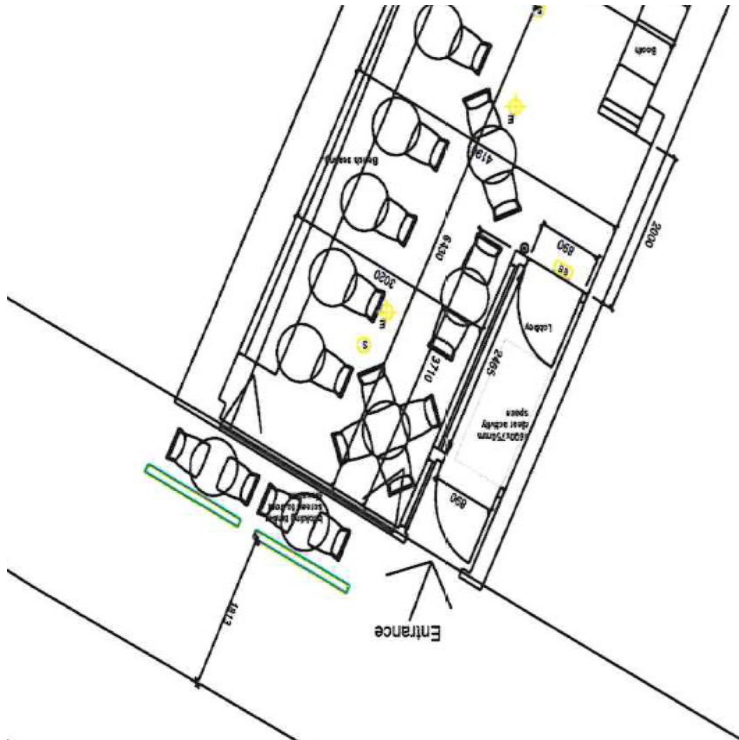


Photograph showing view down West Portland Street with 'The Fox' on the left



View of the frontage of 'The Fox' from the road





Excerpt of plan provided by applicant



Location of proposed Tables and Chairs (not to size/scale)

Picture to show pavement area outside premises



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Main Bar / Restaurant area = 77.5sqm
Gardenroom / Golf simulator = 29.6sqm
total 107.1sqm
4 persons per 3sqm = 143 people
Area calculated excluding fixed seating.

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Buzzwork Holdings

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Licensing Plan

West Portland Street, Tron

The Fox

Buzzworks Property Ltd – The Buf, Prestwick

Application for Variation

Information from LSO

The premises licence for the Buf in Main Street, Prestwick was transferred to Buzzworks Properties Ltd in May 2024 and since then the company has acted in capacity as 'Landlord' and not operated the premises themselves.

Over the past few months, I have had discussions with the operators to discuss the Boards policy and to understand their proposals for future trading to ensure the sustainability of the business. The operator has considered the potential concerns of neighbours in advance and as such has taken on board some enquiries I have made on behalf of the Board and has employed the services of an acoustic consultant.

Members will be aware that the premises currently enjoy core hours up to 2.30am on a Thursday to Sunday, however the operator hopes to operate a more 'family orientated' environment on weekdays and therefore has offered to amend the hours on a Thursday and a Sunday to a 12.30am terminal hour and offer some comfort to neighbours.

Additionally, the operators have applied to 'tidy up' a number of points in their operating plan to reflect current and future practices including amending the children and young persons statement to include the employment of young people as waiting staff.

The main purpose of the variation application is to allow 'entertainment' to be offered in the outside drinking area including the introduction of an outside pool table, the ability to hold markets (such as stalls at Christmas), live performances from a DJ or acoustic singer, live instruments and outside television with the ability to show sports and low level background music in the area in the absence of other entertainments. As mentioned, an acoustic consultants report has been provided, however in addition to this the operator has advised that they would be willing to accept an 8pm curfew on DJ or acoustic singer and live instruments and play low level background music until 10pm. Also that the television is sited on the wall in the terrace/decked area and that the volume for this is only played through the speakers in this area (which face inwards) and not in the wider beer garden area. These suggestions were made as a result of discussions around the licensing objective 'preventing public nuisance'.

With regards to the intention to provide an outdoor pool table, the operator has agreed that the pool cues will be held behind the bar and customers will be required to collect and return them there in order to comply with the licensing objective 'securing public safety'.

The full area owned by the Buf is shown on the plan provided by the applicant, however the outside drinking area does not take full advantage of this area as shown on the plan attached to this report. There is a grassed area open to the public car park which can currently be accessed by anyone and is open to anti-social behaviour and littering. However, after discussion with the operator regarding this area I am aware that they would be willing to fence it off as part of their renovations and that would tidy it up and be in keeping with the licensing objective 'preventing public nuisance'.

This report is provided for further information of the Licensing Board and members may wish to consider including these suggestions as conditions (in addition to any suggested by other consultees) if they were minded to grant the application.

Suggested conditions:

- DJ, Live instrumentalists and acoustic singers may only perform in the outside drinking area from 3pm until 8pm
- Background music may be played in the outside drinking area until 10pm through the agreed sound system
- When the television is in use in the outside drinking area the volume must only be played through the identified speakers
- Pool cues must be kept behind the bar and collected and returned by customers
- All external areas must be fenced off to prevent access to the public

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
28th May 2025



Photograph of inside the premises showing entrance to outside drinking area at rear of premises



Proposed location of external television screen

Rear entrance/exit for premises and access to outdoor drinking area

Outside bar area (behind sliding doors/shutters when not in use) will also house the DJ/music system and controls for such

Photograph shows the decked and covered external drinking/eating area currently. The applicant proposes to develop this area further with leisure seating and outdoor furnishing

It is also proposed that the outdoor pool table would be sited in this area in future



Outside wall at rear of premises, proposed site of outdoor television screen

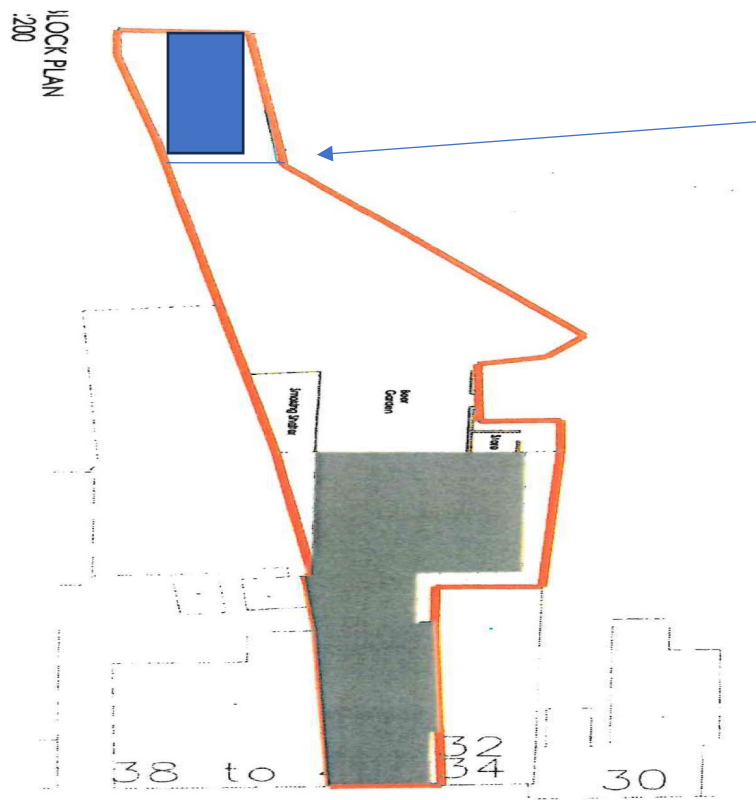


End of external bar area which will have a hatch for the DJ to see out to the full area with small stage area in front so that any musicians can plug into controlled sound system and speakers



View of outside drinking area from covered seated area at rear of premises





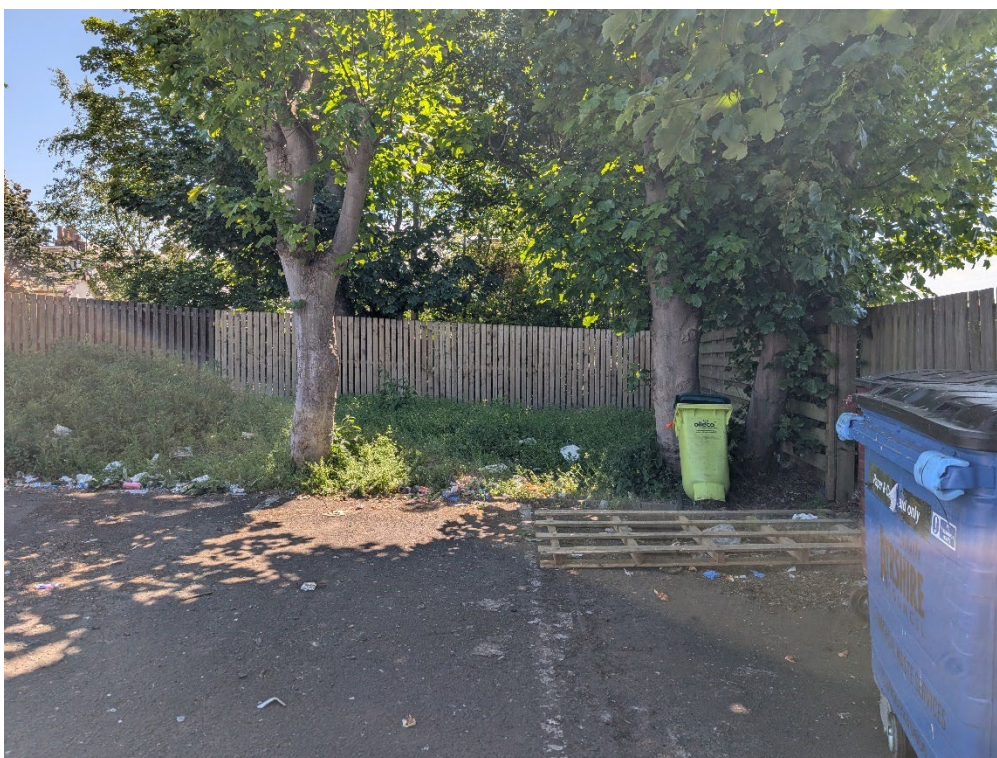
Blue shows Grassed area in photos

Line shows current fence line and extent of outdoor drinking area





Picture shows area owned by the Buf but currently open and derelict and accessible via the car park



Application for Occasional Licence

Applicant	Premises	Event	Dates Requested	Times Requested
AYR UNITED FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC CLUB LIMITED	CONCOURSE AREA WITHIN AYR UNITED FOOTBALL STADIUM	MATCH DAY HOSPITALITY	19 TH JULY 2025	On Sale: 12.00 – 16.30
AYR UNITED FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC CLUB LIMITED	CONCOURSE AREA WITHIN AYR UNITED FOOTBALL STADIUM	MATCH DAY HOSPITALITY	22 ND JULY 2025	On Sale: 17.00-21.00

Ayr United Football Club, Somerset Park, Ayr
Occasional Licence Application – 19th & 22nd July 2025
Report by Licensing Standards Officer

I refer to the Occasional Licence application made on behalf of Ayr United Football and Athletic Club Ltd, which operates from premises at Somerset Park in Ayr. The applications are to cover the use of a temporary bar area within the stadium building during two football matches to provide pre-ordered alcoholic refreshments pre-match and for the 15 minute half time period. Therefore a licence is requested from 12 noon until 4.30pm on Saturday 19th July and 5pm until 9pm on Tuesday 22nd July to cover football matches between Ayr United v Arbroath and Ayr United v Forfar which are expected to attract overall crowds of approximately 1100 persons per day.

As members will be aware alcohol cannot be purchased or consumed in a football stadium or grounds in Scotland with the exception of hospitality areas but not whilst a match is in play. Additionally, the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 makes it illegal to consume alcohol within sight of a football pitch.

Alcohol was additionally banned in football stadiums due to the riots which happened at the Scottish Cup Final match between Celtic and Rangers in 1980 where alcohol was considered to be a contributory factor and as a result the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 introduced restrictions.

In order to understand the applications and the request for alcohol sales within a specific area I met with Graeme Mathie the Managing Director of Ayr United to see the identified site and discuss the proposal in more detail.

I understand that the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) have approached a total of 8 Scottish Clubs to 'trial' the idea of alcohol within Stadiums at matches with anticipated lower attendance and less controversial pairings.

In most cases the application refers to the 'concourse' area, however at Ayr United Stadium the area that has been identified is the 'accessible area' for people who use wheelchairs and other movement aids. The plan is to section off a large section of this area with the use of 'heras' fencing panels which will be secured together and then covered with a thick tarpaulin type banner emblazoned with the sponsor. The intention of this is to ensure the pitch cannot be seen from the 'bar area' and to separate it from the main stadium. It is proposed that the serving area will be formed by using the mobile bar from the premises licensed to Ayr United known as 'The Hub' which is next door to the stadium.

There will only be pints of alcohol sold in this area which will be served in non-glass receptacles and pre-ordered. Entry will only be permitted to patrons who have a QR code to show their order and orders will be restricted to one drink per person. Whilst the application suggests a capacity of 75 persons, I have been advised by Mr Mathie that the anticipated capacity is 60. Additionally the applications request 4 hours, however the alcohol sales will only take place 2 hours pre-match and 15 minutes at half time and all alcohol will be consumed within the licensed area.

Considering the Board's policy statement and the current legislation in relation to alcohol sales and consumption within a football stadium, I request that the application for an Occasional Licence is not granted under delegated powers and is considered by the

Licensing Board. In support of this request, I would offer the following comments in relation to the Licensing Objectives:

Securing Public Safety

As this is an area within the grounds that would not usually be 'closed off' and it is the intention to do this on a temporary basis, the applicant may be able to provide the Board with details as to how this will be managed to avoid a crowd of people rushing to gain access via a temporary entrance during a short time period, such as the 15 minute half time break.

The Safety Certificate issued to Ayr United Football Club for the stadium at Somerset Park was recently considered at the Regulatory Panel (Licensing) and as a result the new document will be issued on 1st July 2025. Having consulted with the Building Standards Co-ordinator I am aware that any amendments to this would have to be considered by the Regulatory Panel (Licensing) and the introduction of a licensed area would require an amendment. Therefore, it would not be possible for this amendment to be made in time for the dates requested by the Occasional Licence application.

Issuing an occasional licence to allow alcohol to be sold in an area which had not been covered by the safety certificate would be contrary to the licensing objective 'Securing Public Safety'.

The Board may also wish to satisfy themselves that sectioning off a part of the 'accessible area' will not compromise the safety or access of those who require to use the area.

Protecting Children and Young People from Harm

The applicant has been clear that access to the licensed area will be strictly for those aged 18 years and over and the alcohol management plan supplied provides details of how ID checks will be carried out and that staff will all be fully trained with a dedicated personal licence holder for the area. However, under 18's will be in attendance at the football match itself. The Board may wish to consider if granting a liquor licence which encourages use of the over 18's alcohol area during the half time period, would mean that children and young persons were potentially being left unsupervised whilst older companions went for a drink.

Additionally the Board may wish to consider if it is responsible to grant a licence which supports an alcohol sales/consumption area that is only open for 15 mins during half time, which would encourage people to consume the alcohol quickly and may also encourage people to rush in front of each other to gain early access to the area this potentially causing a challenge at the entrance.

If the Board were minded to grant the applications, I would suggest that some conditions were added to the licence for clarity, including the following;

- The capacity of the licensed area is restricted to 60 persons
- All alcohol must be pre-ordered
- Alcohol must be served in glass-alternative receptacles
- Each customer will only be served with one pre-ordered drink per visit

Catrina Andrew
Licensing Standards Officer
5th June 2025



Proposed location of mobile bar/servery

Entrance to area



Second Exit

Accessibility area