

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
30 October 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in
County Hall: Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Lee Lyons, Martin Kilbride and Duncan Townson.

Present Remotely: Councillor Craig Mackay.

Apologies: Councillors Alec Clark and Mary Kilpatrick.

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); C. Carroll, Service lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration; D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

In Attendance: Sergeant D. Markin and D. Hastings, Police Scotland.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Co-ordinator (Licensing) called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 25 September 2025

As Councillor Kilbride was not in attendance at this meeting, he was not eligible to vote on these minutes.

The minutes of 25 September 2025 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the following items 4(a)(i) and 4(a)(ii) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Short Term Lets

(i) 11 Fairfield Park, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration; from the applicant's representative; and from various objectors. The Panel then adjourned for consideration of this application.

Upon reconvening, four Members voted to approve the application and two Members voted against and the Panel

Decided: to approve this application for a period of one year, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed

Councillor Craig Mackay left the meeting at this point

(ii) 37 Mews Lane, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration, from Police Scotland and from the applicant.

Four Members voted to approve this application and one Member abstained and the Panel

Decided: to approve this application, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

5. Update from Civic Licensing Standards Officer

The Civic Licensing Standards Officer

- (1) outlined the failure statistics for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles for the third quarter of 2025 (1 July to 30 September), compared to the same period in 2024 as follows:-
 - (a) 16% failure rate for the thirty eight Taxi Vehicles tested and six vehicles which failed; compared to 26% in 2024 when thirty nine Taxi Vehicles had been tested and ten failed; and
 - (b) an 8% failure rate for the sixty two Private Hire Vehicles tested and five failures as opposed to 7% in 2024 when sixty vehicles had been tested and four failed;
- (2) advised that there had been a 10% decrease in Taxi Vehicles failing the test which was very positive;
- (3) outlined the reasons for the failures and advised that all operators who failed a test would continue to be monitored and any operator failing a test with “do not drive” would continue to be cited to this Panel; and
- (4) advised that the next training course would be held on Wednesday 5 November 2025.

The Panel, having welcomed the decreased rate for failures of Private Hire Vehicles,

Decided: to note the update from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer.

6. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the following item 7(a) on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Taxi Driver

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from Police Scotland in relation to whether the Panel should consider the applicant's protected convictions.

Following a unanimous vote, the Panel agreed to consider these convictions and the letter was tabled.

The Panel adjourned to read the letter.

Upon reconvening, the Panel then heard from Police Scotland and from the representative for the applicant, Barry Wood, in relation to his application.

The Panel

Decided: to refuse this application on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

Councillor Duncan Townson left the meeting at this point.

(b) Late Hours Catering

(i) 109 Main Street, Prestwick

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant in relation to this application.

The Panel, having agreed amended hours with the agreement of the applicant,

Decided: to grant the above application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed, the approved hours being every Monday to Thursday from 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. and Every Friday to Sunday from 11.00 p.m. to 3.00 a.m.

(ii) **36 Alloway Street, Ayr**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) in relation to this application.

The Panel

Decided: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel.

(iii) **13 Tam's Brig, Ayr**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) in relation to this application.

The Panel

Decided: to note that this application had been withdrawn.

The meeting ended at 12.45 p.m.

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