

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
27 November 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in County Hall: Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Wullie Hogg, Martin Kilbride, Duncan Townson and George Weir.

Present Remotely: Councillor Mary Kilpatrick.

Apology: Councillor Craig Mackay.

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Clerical Assistant.

In Attendance: Sergeant D. Markin and A. Dempster, Police Scotland.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live; and
- (3) welcomed Councillors Hogg and Weir to their first meeting of this Panel.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Co-ordinator (Licensing) called the Sederunt for the meeting and Councillor Wullie Hogg declared an interest in item 4(a)(i) of this minute in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 30 October 2025

As Councillors Clark and Kilpatrick were not in attendance at this meeting, they were not eligible to vote on these minutes; as Councillor Townson left the meeting of 30 October 2025, he was also not eligible to vote; and, as Councillors Hogg and Weir were new to the Panel they were not eligible to vote.

The minutes of 30 October 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 item 4(a)(i) on the grounds that it 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) **Taxi Drivers**

Having previously declared an interest in the following application, Councillor Hogg withdrew from the meeting.

- (i) 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 in relation to the application from David Carruthers.

The Panel, in the absence of the applicant,

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

Councillor Hogg re-joined the meeting at this point.

- (ii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant, Afrah Ali Azawi in relation to her application.

The Panel

Decided: to approve this application for one year subject to standard conditions as previously agreed; and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing to grant a licence for a further two years should there be no further offences.

- (iii) The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer and from the licence holder, Sean Dempsey in relation to the complaint received against him.

The Panel

Decided: to take no further action.

- (iv) Reference was made to the Minutes of 25 September 2025 (Page 2, paragraph 3(b)(iii)) when it had been decided to request that Abdulah Elmi Ali submit the appropriate certification confirming completion of training within one week of the course on 5 November 2025, however, should this not be submitted, to suspend the licence held by him for its unexpired duration on the ground that a condition of the licence had been contravened. The Civic Licensing Standards Officer then advised the Panel that Mr Ali had attended the training course but not successfully passed the full training course.

The Panel

Decided: to suspend the licence held by Mr Ali for its unexpired duration with immediate effect on the ground that a condition of the licence had been contravened; and to grant delegated powers to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing to reinstate this licence once Mr Ali had undertaken and passed the training course at the next available course.

- (v) The Panel

Decided: to note that the matter regarding Fartun Nuur had been withdrawn.

(b) **Late Hours Catering**

- (i) **DPRS Scots Limited T/A Domino's (Vipul Sharma) for Unit 5, Central Retail Park, Allison Street, Ayr KA8 8HD**

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

The Panel

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

- (ii) **Kinjal Food Limited T/A Curry Spot (Umesh Sapkota) for 36 Alloway Street, Ayr**

The Panel

Decided: to note that this application had been withdrawn.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.