

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 12 February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors William Grant (Chair); Laura Brennan-Whitefield; Martin Kilbride; Bob Pollock, Gavin Scott and Duncan Townson.

Apology: Councillor Kenneth Bell

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator – Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; J. Chapman, Committee Services Officer and R. Anderson, Committee Services Assistant.

Attending
Remotely: D. Markin, Sargent, Police Scotland

Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that it would be broadcast live.

Variation in Order of Business.

In terms of Council Standing order, No 13.3. the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Board in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Date of Next Board Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Board meeting would be held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The **Minutes** of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 9 December 2025 ([issued](#)) and 15 January 2026 ([issued](#)) were submitted.

Decided:

- (1) to approve the Minutes of 9th December 2025 .
- (2) to continue the minutes of 15th January 2026 to a future meeting as not enough members were present to approve these minutes.

4. Update by Licensing Standards Officer (LSO)

The Licensing Standards Officer advised

- (1) that, since the January Board meeting she had carried out a number of visits to licensed premises at the request of licence holders who were seeking information and guidance in relation to applications; and that there had been positive engagement from the licensed trade and early enquiries and consultation made the application process much easier to navigate for everyone;
- (2) that Board members would also be aware that there was an active Local Licensing Forum in South Ayrshire and monthly attendance from Forum Members at the Board meetings; and that the Forum met last month and nominated Janice Lindsay as the new Chairperson;
- (3) that the South Ayrshire Forum took an active interest in the work of the Board and had recently written to the Board regarding their future consideration of Extended Hours for significant events;
- (4) that Licensing Forums existed all over Scotland, however not all were able to meet as regularly as prescribed in the legislation and nor did other Boards have as regular attendance from Forum members and she acknowledged the commitment shown by the South Ayrshire Forum;
- (5) that only applications that were unable to be granted under delegated powers were brought before the Board for a decision of grant; that there had been 104 Occasional Licence application so far this year and 9 applications for Extended Hours, with each of these individually processed and a response from the LSO and Police Scotland must be received for each one before they could be granted; and
- (6) that 10 new Premises Manager appointments had been processed since the beginning of the year.

The Board

Decided: to note the update from the LSO.

5. Revocation of Personal Licences

There was submitted a **report** (issued – Members only) of 6 January 2026 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of two Personal Licences.

The Board

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

6. Applications for Transfers Granted Under Delegated Powers

There was submitted a **report** ([issued](#)) of 6 January 2026 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the following determination of applications for the Transfer of Licences between the last Board meeting and this Board:-

- (1) **Monkton Lodge, Kilmarnock Road, Monkton**
The above premises licence was transferred to Family Dining Pubs Limited on 19th December 2025.
- (2) **The 19th Hole, 40 Golf Course Road, Girvan**
The above premises licence was transferred to South Ayrshire Council on 23rd December 2025.
- (3) **The 19th Hole, 40 Golf Course Road, Girvan**
The above premises licence was transferred to FB Rattler Ltd on 23rd December 2025.
- (4) **Yasmin's, 10 Dalrymple Street, Girvan**
The above premises licence was transferred to Gurpal Singh on 23rd December 2025.

The Board

Decided: to note the transfers granted under delegated powers.

7(b). [Occasional Licence for Ayrshire Hospice Shop.](#)

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer, the applicant's representative and following questions from Members, five Members voted for the Motion and one Member abstained. The Motion was accordingly declared carried, therefore, the Board

Decided:

- (1) to grant delegated authority to the Depute Clerk to grant ongoing occasional licences which are submitted in the terms approved today;
- (2) to instruct the Depute Clerk to:
 - (a) refer any occasional licence application which details a change in the terms approved today to the Board for a determination, and
 - (b) refer this matter to the Board in one year's time for review by the Board
- (3) to write to the Scottish Government to outline the concerns raised by Board Members regarding the fees in this circumstance.

7(a). Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Applications for Provisional Grant

The Board considered the following applications:

Applicant

(1) SLC Turnberry Limited

Premises

The Golf Course, Clubhouse and Lighthouse
Trump Turnberry
A Luxury Collection Resort
Maidens Road
Turnberry

To include the Golf Academy within the Operating Plan with the following description-

The golf academy and driving range may be used by golfers before/after their round of golf.

Having heard from the Depute Clerk, the Licensing Standards Officer, a representative for the applicant and following questions from Members,

Four Members voted for the Motion and two Member abstained. The Motion was accordingly declared carried, therefore, The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

Applicant

(2) Marks and Spencer Plc

Premises

Marks and Spencer Simply Food
Unit 17
48 Liberator Drive
Heathfield Retail Park
Ayr

	Existing Licensed Hours		Proposed Licensing Hours	
	On Sales	Off Sales	On Sales	Off Sales
Monday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Wednesday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Thursday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Friday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Saturday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00
Sunday	11:00 – 23:00	10:00 – 22:00	N/A	10:00 – 22:00

To remove the permission for on sales as the customer café is being removed.

To increase the permission for alcohol display from 54.04 square meters to 63.25 square meters.

Update premises description to “Retail store within retail park”.

Having heard from the Depute Clerk and a representative for the applicant,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

8. Closing Remarks

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

The meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.

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