

REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of
19 March 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in County Hall:	Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Wullie Hogg, Mary Kilpatrick, Duncan Townson and George Weir.
Apologies:	Councillors Martin Kilbride and Craig Mackay.
Attending:	L. McChristie, Co-ordinator (Licensing); D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; G. Armstrong, Fleet Inspector; C. Bain, Fleet Inspector; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Clerical Assistant.
In Attendance:	Inspector I. McCall, Police Scotland.
In Attendance Remotely:	Sergeant D. Markin, 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 of 18 February 2026

As Councillors Cavana and Kilpatrick were not in attendance at this meeting, they were not eligible to vote on these minutes.

The minutes of 18 February 2026 (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 three items of business on the agenda 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) Taxi Drivers

- (i) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Jamie Ralph in relation to his application.

Five Members voted for the Motion and two Members voted against the Motion and the Panel

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

- (ii) Reference was made to the Minutes of 18 February 2026 (Page 2, paragraph 4(a)(i)), when the Panel had decided (A) to take no action at this time and to continue consideration of this matter to this Panel; and (B) to request that Mr Singh attend this meeting in person; and the Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from Police Scotland and from the applicant, Palpinder Singh in relation to his application.

The Panel

Decided: to continue consideration of this matter to a future meeting of this Panel until the outcome of the court case was known.

- (iii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from Police Scotland and from the licence holder, William Young, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him.

The Panel

Decided:

- (A) to suspend the licence currently held by William Young and grant delegated authority to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing to reinstate this licence once the DVLA had returned his driving licence and Mr Young provided evidence of this to the Licensing Team; and

- (B) that any renewal application be brought back to Panel for consideration.

(b) Taxi Vehicles

- (i) The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the Fleet Inspector and from the representative of the licence holder, Peter Ogilvie, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him.

The Panel

Decided: to take no further action in relation to this matter.

- (ii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from the Fleet Inspector and from the representative of the licence holder, Alan MacDougall, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him.

Due to technical difficulties a roll call vote was carried out in relation to the Motion as follows:

Alan Lamont	For
Ian Cavana	For
Alec Clark	For
Wullie Hogg	For
Mary Kilpatrick	For
Duncan Townson	For
George Weir	For

The Panel

Decided: to take no further action in relation to this matter.

Adjournment

The time being 11.15 a.m., the Panel adjourned to resolve the technical difficulties.

Resumption of Meeting

The meeting resumed a 11.25 a.m.

- (iii) The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing), from the Fleet Inspector and from the licence holder, Graham Campbell for Ayr Citadel Taxis Ayrshire Ltd, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him.

The Panel

Decided: to take no further action in relation to this matter.

(c) Late Hours Catering

Blue Lagoon (Fish And Chip Shops) Ltd and Kim Arthur for Blue Lagoon, 105 Main Street, Prestwick

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant's representative 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 Sunday to Thursday inclusive from 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. and every Friday and Saturday and Bank Holiday Sunday from 11.00 p.m. to 3.00 a.m., subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

(d) **Late Hours Catering Exemption**

Eleanor Scobie on Behalf of Kirkmichael Village Renaissance (KVR)

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) who advised that this application was for the exemption of the requirement to obtain a late hours catering licence for a particular occasion which required to be determined by the Panel; and from the applicant, Eleanor Scobie.

The Panel

Decided:

- (i) to accept the email and letter received from Eleanor Scobie on behalf of Kirkmichael Village Renaissance (KVR) dated 28 January 2026 and 9 February 2026, as an application for exemption from the requirement to hold a late hours catering licence, in terms of Section 42(5) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and
- (ii) to grant the application from Kirkmichael Village Renaissance for exemption from the requirement to hold a late hours catering licence for McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael between 23:00h and 04:00h on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May 2026 inclusive; and impose the South Ayrshire Council late hours catering conditions, under deletion of the word "licence holder" and insertion of the word "applicant" applicable to late hours catering licence attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The meeting ended at 11.55 a.m.