

SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD.

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting held on 21 May 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending
Remotely: Councillor Bell

Apologies: Councillor Duncan Townson

Attending: L. McChristie, Co-ordinator – Licensing and Depute Clerk to the Board; C. Andrew, Licensing Standards Officer; I. McColl, Inspector - Police Scotland; G. Douglas, Environmental Health Officer; J. Chapman, Committee Services Officer and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

Due to issues with the meeting link, the Panel adjourned from 10:11am until 10:21am.

Opening Remarks

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

In terms of Council Standing order, No 13.2. the Panel agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minute.

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 Wednesday 18 June 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The **Minutes** of the Meeting of South Ayrshire Licensing Board of 15 January 2026 ([issued](#)), 23 April 2026 ([issued](#)) and 29 April 2026 ([issued](#)) were submitted.

Decided: to continue the Minutes of 15 January 2026 until the next Board Meeting and to approve the Minutes of the previous meetings of 23 April 2026 and 29 April 2026.

4. Update by Licensing Standards Officer (LSO)

The Licensing Standards Officer advised –

(1) that a large number of extended hours applications had been considered at Board meetings with a total of 74 applications being granted to date compared to a total of 44 granted in the full year in 2025. Although over half of these 74 applications related to the anticipated Football

World Cup, it reflected the changing trends in the hospitality sector and responses to local events and activities as well as national dates and sports.

- (2) that South Ayrshire Board in their policy and indeed practice this year had shown great support for the licensed trade taking advantage of additional trading, however it was noted that the grant of extended hours is a privilege and any conditions that were agreed and attached to the grant must be adhered to and would be checked.
- (3) that the licensing team had already processed a total of 380 Occasional Licences (which is up 68 from the same time last year) and that an Occasional Licence can cover a variety of functions and events from a family party in a community hall to a large entertainment event in the open air.
- (4) that two large events had recently taken place in South Ayrshire, the Pavilion Festival on Ayr Low Green and the Ayr County Agricultural Show at Ayr Racecourse, both benefitted from Occasional Licences, although the approach to and purpose of the liquor licence was different in both cases. Both events were well attended and benefitted from dry weather. It is very positive to have had events in the area which would benefit the local hospitality trade, some attendees stayed locally, supporting the local premises. However, it is also important that the individuals who were granted the Occasional Licences for these events ensured compliance with the conditions attached to the licences. Whilst consultation and planning took place prior to the events and information was supplied in order to allow the grant of the liquor licence, it is equally important that the performance of staff, the layout and set up of the event reflected that on the day. For that reason, she attended both events and provided feedback for one of them in relation to any matters that required to be addressed in advance of any similar applications for these events next year.
- (5) that South Ayrshire Board had always been very clear in its intention to remain consistent with regards to the grant of applications and in particular its support for the permanently licensed venues and urged Members to support the statement that they would expect those operating Occasional Licences for temporary events to be fully aware of the requirements of these licences and would not expect the tolerance of behaviour at a licensed event that would not be acceptable in a venue with a premises licence.

5. **Revocation of Personal Licences**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued – Members only) of 16 April 2026 by the Clerk to the Licensing Board advising of the revocation of fourteen Personal Licences.

The Board

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

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

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6(a) **Application for a Provisional Premises licence**

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

Premises

Gurpreet Kaur

A Restaurant
2 Whitehall
Maybole

Off-Sale – Every Day – 10:30 to 01:00
On Sales – Every Day – 10:30 – 22:00

Having heard from the applicant’s agent, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application subject to an amendment in the operating plan relating to access for children and young people as agreed with the applicant’s agent.

(b) Application for Variation of Premises Licence

The Board considered the following application:

Applicant

(1) James Andrew Griffith

Premises

Central Bar
58 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
Wednesday	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00
Thursday	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00	10:00 – 00:30	10:00 – 22:00
Friday	11:00 – 01:30	11:00 – 22:00	11:30 – 02:00	11:30 – 22:00
Saturday	11:00 – 01:30	11:00 – 22:00	11:30 – 02:00	11:30 – 22:00
Sunday	11:00 – 00:00	11:00 – 22:00	11:00 – 00:30	11:00 – 22:00

Having heard from the Depute Clerk, the Council’s Environmental Health Officer and the applicant,

The Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

The Panel paused the re-cording at 11:02am due to the sensitive nature of a Police letter in respect of the following item.

(c) Application for Personal Licence

There was submitted a letter from Police Scotland (issued to Members only) dated 28 April 2026 advising the Board of convictions accrued by Rikki Chamberlain.

The Board then heard from the Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, Police Scotland and from the Applicant and, following questions, adjourned for consideration of this matter.

Upon reconvening, the Board

Decided: to grant the above application.

The Panel re-started the recording at 11:11am.

(d) **Applications for Extended Hours**

The Board considered the following applications:

Applicant

Christopher Andrew O'Donnell

Premises

The Athletic Tavern
120 Dalrymple Street
Girvan

19th/20th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

The Panel adjourned from 11:22am until 11:30am due to I.T. difficulties.

Having heard from, the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative, the Board

Decided: to grant

(1) the above application with the mandatory conditions for premises opening beyond 1.00am and with additional conditions that tickets must be sold in advance and the number of tickets sold is to be shared with the LSO and Police Scotland when requested prior to the event and that no under 18's permitted on the premises.

(2) delegated powers to the Depute Clerk to grant further extended hours applications for future matches in the tournament if no adverse comments are received from the LSO or Police Scotland.

Applicant

Raymond McDonald

Premises

The Wallace Bar
6 Tams Brig
Ayr

19th/20th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

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Applicant

Daniel Sloan

Premises

Tap O' The Brae
Annbank Arms
1 Weston Brae
Annbank

13th/14th June 2026 – 00:00 to 05.00

19th/20th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

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Applicant

Buzzworks Holdings

Premises

Vics and the Vine
132 Mian Street
Prestwick

13th/14th June 2026 – 02:30 to 05.00

24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

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Applicant

Buzzworks Inns Ltd

Premises

The Treehouse
67 Sandgate
Ayr

13th/14th June 2026 – 00:00 to 05.00

24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 02:00

The Panel adjourned from 12:03am until 12:17am for discussions to take place.

Having heard from, the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative, the Board

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Applicant

Buzzworks Hospitality Ltd

Premises

The Fox
18 West Portland Street
Troon

13th/14th June 2026 – 00:00 to 05:00

19th/20th June 2026 – 01:00 to 02:00

24th/25th June 2026 – 01:00 to 02:00

Having heard from, the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative, the Board

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Applicant

Shanter Inns Ltd

Premises

Tam O'Shanter
230 High Street
Ayr

13th/14th June 2026 – 00:00 to 05:00

19th/20th June 2026 – 23:00 to 02:00

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Applicant
Shanter Inns Ltd

Premises
Market Inn

2 Castlehill Road
Ayr

13th/14th June 2026 – 00:00 to 05.00
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24th/25th June 2026 – 23:00 to 02:00

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Applicant
JD Wetherspoon (Scot) Ltd

Premises
The Prestwick Pioneer
87 Main Street
Prestwick

19th/20th June 2026 – 00:30 to 01:30
24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 01:30

Having heard from the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative the Board

Decided: to grant

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Applicant
JD Wetherspoon (Scot) Ltd

Premises
The West Kirk
58A Sandgate
Ayr

19th/20th June 2026 – 00:30 to 01:30
24th/25th June 2026 – 00:30 to 01:30

Having heard from, the Licensing Standards Officer and the applicant's representative, the Board

Decided: to grant

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7. Gambling Act 2025

Applications for Unlicensed Family Entertainment Gaming Machine Permits

The Board considered the following applications: -

Applicant

Genda Playnation Entertainment Ltd

Premises

Craig Tara Holiday Park
Main Complex
Dunure Road
Ayr

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

Decided: to grant the above application for a permit.

Applicant

Genda Playnation Entertainment Ltd

Premises

Craig Tara Holiday Park
Lighthouse
Dunure Road
Ayr

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

Decided: to grant the above application for a permit.

Applicant

Genda Playnation Entertainment Ltd

Premises

Craig Tara Holiday Park
Airspace Venue
Dunure Road
Ayr

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

Decided: to grant the above application for a permit.

Applicant

Premises

Genda Playnation Entertainment Ltd

Craig Tara Holiday Park
Main Arcade
Dunure Road
Ayr

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

Decided: to grant the above application for a permit.

8. **Closing Remarks**

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

The meeting ended at 12:45.

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