Meeting of Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 at 10.30 am – in Council Hall, English Street, Dumfries

Tony Berretti – Mid and Upper Nithsdale;

Linda Dorward - Lochar;

Archie Dryburgh MBE - Annandale East and Eskdale;

Iain Howie - Castle Douglas and Crocketford;

Ivor Hyslop - Lochar;

David Inglis - Mid Galloway and Wigtown West;

Kim Lowe - Abbey;

Gail Macgregor - Annandale North;

Jackie McCamon - Mid Galloway and Wigtown West;

Stephen Thompson – Annandale North;

VLAD VALIENTE Clerk to the Licensing Board

Dumfries and Galloway Licensing Board

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Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 11 March 2025

Minute of Meeting of Thursday 23 January 2025 at 10.30am **Remote Hearing**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Berretti Mid and Upper Nithsdale

Linda Dorward Lochar

> Iain Howie Castle Douglas and Crocketford

Lochar

Ivor Hyslop -Jackie McCamon -Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

Annandale North Stephen Thompson -

APOLOGIES

Archie Dryburgh MBE Annandale

> David Inglis Mid Galloway and Wigtown West

Kim Lowe Abbey

Gail Macgregor Annandale North

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Davidson Licensing Standards Officer

Licensing Standards Officer Julia Farroll

A/Sgnt Anna Parker -Police Scotland

> Cheryl Syme Senior Licensing Officer

Caroline Treanor Solicitor

> **VLAD VALIENTE Clerk to the Licensing Boards**

1. SEDERUNT, APOLOGIES AND CONVENER'S APPROVAL OF MEMBERS' REMOTE PARTICIPATION

6 Members present via MS Teams and 4 apologies. The Convener approved Members' remote participation.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING – 13 DECEMBER 2024

Decision

AGREED

4. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATION GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Decision

NOTED the applications granted under delegated authority as detailed in the report.

5. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

Decision

Having heard from the applicant's agent and the Licensing Standards Officer, **AGREED** to grant the application in respect of Days Inn Hotel, Welcome Break, Gretna Green Services, Gretna Green.

PROCEDURE – The Convener intimated that, with the agreement of Members, consideration of item 6 on the agenda be continued until later in the meeting as the applicant was not present.

7. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPICATIONS FOR VARIATIONS OF PREMISES LICENCES

Decision

- 7.1 Hearing 1 The Wanlockhead Inn, Gardendyke, Wanlockhead Having heard from the Licence Holder and the Licensing Standards Officer, **AGREED** to grant the application.
- 7.2 Hearing 2 Aldi, Land at Oakwell Road, Castle Douglas
 Having heard from the applicant's agent and the Licensing Standards Officer, **AGREED** to grant the application.

PROCEDURE - The applicant for Item 6 joined the meeting and this item was heard at this point with the remainder of item 7 to be heard thereafter.

6. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE – ROADHOUSE BLUES LTD, THE GALLOWAY FISHERMAN, CARSLUITH

Decision

- 6.1 **NOTED** that Police Scotland had submitted a late objection in respect of the application and having considered the reasons for lateness from Police Scotland also submissions from the applicant, **AGREED** to entertain it as Members were satisfied as to the good reason for lateness and the late Objection was circulated to all relevant parties. The Board then considered whether it was in the interests of justice to postpone or adjourn the Hearing and having heard from Police Scotland and the applicant who advised that they wished to proceed **AGREED** to proceed with the Hearing.
- 6.2 After hearing from the Licensing Standards Officer, Police Scotland and the applicant, **AGREED** to grant the application.
- 7. LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATIONS OF PREMISES LICENCES

Decision

- 7.3 Hearing 3 Kirkcudbright Bay Hotel, 25 St Cuthbert Street, Kirkcudbright Having heard from the Licence Holder and the Licensing Standards Officer, **AGREED** to grant the application and asked that the licensing team notify Planning of the Board's decision.
- 7.4 Hearing 4 Masonic Arms, 10 Ann Street, Gatehouse of Fleet As the applicant was not present, Members **AGREED** to consider the application in their absence. After hearing from the Licensing Standards Officer regarding matters concerning the display of Site Notice, Members **AGREED** that the Site Notice should be re-displayed, and the application deferred to a future meeting of the Board.



THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1. Summary

This report details licences which have been granted under delegated powers, by the Clerk to the Licensing Board during the period starting from 8 January 2025 to 10 February 2025 and invites Members to note the report and appendices.

2. Applications

2.1 The undernoted table details the number of occasional licences, extended hours and personal licences granted:

Application Type	Total number granted
Occasional licences – applied for by a personal licence holder	77
Occasional licences – applied for by a premises licence holder	1
Occasional licences – applied for by a voluntary organisation	23
Extended Hours	2
Personal Licences	16

2.2 The following appendices further detail applications granted in respect of:-

Minor variation of premises licences - Appendix 1 Transfer of premises licences - Appendix 2 Surrender of premises licence - Appendix 3

Cheryl Syme Senior Licensing Officer Kirkbank House English Street Dumfries DG1 2HS

24 February 2025

Vlad Valiente Clerk to the Licensing Boards Kirkbank House English Street Dumfries DG2 2HS

Appendix 1

APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCES

	Licence Holder	Name and address of Premises	Type of variation	Granted date
1	Tesco Stores Limited	Tesco Store Ernespie Road Castle Douglas DG7 1LD	Ernespie Road Leonard McEwan Castle Douglas	
2	Currie & Schofield T/A The Crown Hotel Portpatrick	Crown Hotel 9 North Crescent Portpatrick Stranraer DG9 8SX	n Crescent Schofield strick	
3.	Elaine McKelvey	The Wanlockhead Inn Garden Dyke Wanlockhead ML12 6UZ	Change DPM to James McKelvey	22/01/2025
4.	Pramod Velaga	Keystore & More Newton Stewart 49 Victoria Street Newton Stewart DG8 6NL	Change DPM to Craig McIntyre	22/01/2025
5.	Kokulabavan Jeyarasa	Nisa Calside Road Dumfries DG1 4HA	Change to DPM address	27/01/2025
6.	The Fullarton (Castle Douglas) Limited	The Fullarton Lochside Road Castle Douglas DG7 1EU	Change DPM to Craig Reeves	28/01/2025
7.	C J Lang and Son Limited	Spar 121-122 Drumlanrig Street Thornhill DG3 5LS	Change of DPM to Rachel Clarke	29/01/2025
8.	Adrian Evans	Torrs Warren Hotel Greyhill Road Stoneykirk Stranraer DG9 9DH	Change of DPM to Paul Evans	29/01/2025
9.	Wilma Graham	19 th Hole Southerness Dumfries DG2 8AZ	Change of DPM to Wilma Graham	29/01/2025
10.	Sharon Dunn & Thomas Ian Dunn	Dunns 1a Sheuchan Street Stranraer	Change of DPM to Sharon Dunn	29/01/2025

		DG9 0DU		
11.	T I Dunn & S Dunn			29/01/2025
12.	T B Watson Ltd	T B Watson Ltd 11/17 English Street Dumfries DG1 2BU	Change of DPM to Brian Gibson	30/01/2025
13.	Bladnoch Distillery Limited R/O DWF LLP	Bladnoch Visitor Centre Bladnoch Distillery Bladnoch Wigtown Newton Stewart DG8 9AB	Change of DPM to Raphael Marinoni	30/01/2025
14.	PTLL Limited	Tesco Express 20 Bruce Street Lochmaben Lockerbie DG11 1PD	Change of DPM to Duncan Paterson	31/01/2025
15.	Derek Hart (Snr)	Bladnoch Inn Bladnoch Wigtown DG8 9AB	Change of DPM to Derek Hart (Snr)	04/02/2025
16.	Khalid Naqvi	Cargenbridge Stores Cargenbridge Ave Cargenbridge Dumfries DG2 8LR	Change of DPM to Khalid Naqvi	05/02/2025
17.	Gretna Green Limited	Gretna Hall Hotel Gretna Green Gretna DG16 5DY	Change of DPM to Maria Juszczak- Koza	05/02/2025
18.	Avril McCrone	Waverley Bar 48 Lovers Walk Dumfries DG1 1LX	Change of DPM to Andrew McCrone	05/02/2025
19.	Gretna Green Group Ltd	Smiths Hotel Headless Cross Gretna Green Gretna DG16 5EA	Change of DPM to Carolina Aspillaga	06/02/2025
20.	Glasgow Street Convenience Store Ltd	Glasgow Street Convenience Store 25 Glasgow Street Dumfries DG2 9AF	Change of premises name and change of DPM to Syed Abbas	06/02/2025

21.	Pakeerathan Mahalingam	Mirza Store Premier	Change of DPM to	10/02/2025
		2 High Street	Rajeevan	
		Moffat	Makalingam	
		DG10 9DW	_	

Appendix 2

APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER OF PREMISES LICENCES

	Applicant	Name and address of Premises	New licence holder	Granted date
1.	Gell Leisure Ltd	The Beagle Country Pub Berend Holiday Village Sandyhills Dalbeattie DG5 4NU	John Alexander Maxwell	30/01/2025
2.	Khalid Naqvi	Club Convenience 25 Glasgow Street Dumfries DG2 9AF	Syed Abbas	06/02/2025

Appendix 3

SURRENDER OF PREMISES LICENCES

	Licence Holder	Name and address of Premises	<u>Date licence</u> <u>surrendered</u>
1.	Graeme Pool	The Lochside Labour Club 250 Lochside Road Dumfries	07/02/2025

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: SECTION 30 APPLICATIONS FOR MAJOR VARIATIONS OF PREMISES LICENCES

1. Reason for Report

This report details applications received for major variation of premises licences. The Board is statutorily obliged to hold a Hearing in respect of such applications.

2. Background

2.1 The applications received by the Licensing Service are listed below and are detailed in the attached hearings summaries. Each hearing summary contains details of the application and associated relevant material, for Members to consider and determine.

Applications received

Hearing 1	Masonic Arms, 10 Ann Street, Gatehouse of Fleet
	Appendix 1 – details of application
	Appendix 2 – LSO report
	Appendix 3 – Police representation
	Appendix 4 – photo of the redisplayed site notice

- 2.2 As is required by law, a copy of each application was sent to:
- Police Scotland
- The Local Authority
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
- Local Community Council
- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Neighbours: Persons having notifiable interest in neighbouring land (within 4 metres in any direction of any boundary of the premises).
- 2.3 In terms of the law, the Board is obliged to advertise notice of the applications on its website for a continuous period of 21 days. The applicant is also obliged to display a site notice of A4 size at or near the premises in a place and at a height where the notice can conveniently be read by the public on the same dates as the Board's notice.
- 2.4 On expiry of the 21 day advertising period, the applicant must submit to the Board signed Confirmation of Site Notice before the Board may determine the application.
- 2.5 This application called before the Dumfries and Galloway Licensing Board meeting on 23 January 2025 but Members decided that the Site Notice required to be re-displayed. Accordingly, the application was adjourned to a future Hearing date.
- 2.6 The applicant was required to redisplay the site notice for a further period of 21 days being Monday 27 January to Tuesday 18 February 2025. A signed Confirmation of Site Notice has been received.

3. Determining the applications

3.1 As democratically elected individuals, ultimate decision making power rests with elected Members and not Council Officers. Whilst Officers can give advice, they cannot clearly make decisions at Hearings. Ultimately, the Board must come to a lawful decision taking into account the following:

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- 3.2 The Board must consider whether any of the grounds for refusal apply and
 - (i) If NO ground of refusal applies, the Board must GRANT the application
 - (ii) If ANY ground of refusal applies, the Board must REFUSE the application.

3.3 The section 30(5) grounds for refusal are:-

- The application must be refused under
 - Section 32(2) (where the Board has refused a premises licence variation application in respect of the same premises and seeking the same variation and this is a subsequent application received within 12 months of the refusal)
 - Section 64(2) (where the application is for 24 hour operation and exceptional circumstances justifying the sale of a 24 hour operation have not been proven)
 - Section 65(3) (the application is for off sales outwith 10am to 10pm

<u>Licensing Objectives ground of refusal</u>

The Licensing Board considers that the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives (preventing crime and disorder/securing public safety/preventing public nuisance/protecting and improving public health/protecting children and young persons from harm)

• Unsuitability of the premises

That having regard to:-

- a) the nature of the activities proposed to be carried on in the premises
- b) the location, character and condition of the premises; and
- c) the persons likely to frequent the premises

the Board considers that the premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the proposed variation.

Overprovision

That the Board considers that, if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises, or licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises (taking account of the variation), in the locality.

4. Recommendation

Members are asked to either GRANT or REFUSE the application.

Cheryl Syme Senior Licensing Officer Kirkbank House English Street Dumfries DG1 2HS 01387 245903

24 February 2025

Vlad Valiente
Clerk to the Licensing Boards
Kirkbank House
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DG2 2HS

<u>Dumfries and Galloway Licensing Board</u> <u>Application for Variation of Premises Licence</u>

A 1' 1/A 4	NA
Applicant/Agent	Masonic Arms Limited
	c/o DSM Limited
	Dee Walk
	Kirkcudbright
	DG6 4DR
Address of Premises	Masonic Arms
Addition of Fremisco	10 Ann Street
	Gatehouse of Fleet
	DG7 2HU
Nature of Variation	Operating Plan
	Increase in outdoor capacity – addition of area to the
	front of the premises (24). Capacity to read:
	Total – 313
	Indoors – 200
	Outdoors (main) – 89
	Outdoors (front) – 24
	Layout Plan
	Changes to layout plan to show additional outdoor
	drinking area at front of premises for 24 people and
	garden bar in the beer garden.
	garden bar in the beer garden.
Last Date for	Friday 10 January 2025
Objections/Representations	I I I Way 10 Gailwai y 2020
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Hearing 1 – Appendix 2

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY LICENSING BOARD LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICER REPORT

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005:

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: MASONIC ARMS, 10 ANN STREET, GATEHOUSE OF FLEET DG7

2HU

APPLICANT: MASONIC ARMS LIMITED

- 1. The premises comprises a restaurant, bar and an enclosed outdoor drinking area at the side of the premises.
- 1.1 The current total capacity for the premises is 289 persons, 200 persons indoors and 89 in the garden area.
- 1.2 On-sale operating hours are-
 - Monday to Saturday 11am to 12 midnight (1am for approved functions)
 - Sunday 12.30pm to 12 midnight (1am for approved functions)

Off-sale operating hours are-

- Monday to Sunday 11am to 10pm
- 2. The reason behind the application is to add outdoor drinking to the front of the premises and the addition of an outdoor bar in the garden area.
- 2.1 This area accommodates 24 persons, 4 tables of 6, see attached photos 1&2.
- 2.2 The applicant has confirmed the following:
 - No music will be played in the area
 - Last orders will be the same as the rest of the bar but likely not be used after dark
 - Staff regularly patrol the area to clean and take away glasses.
- 2.3 The other part of the application is the inclusion of a bar in the outdoor area located in the garden, shown in the attached photo 3.
- 3. The application was advertised on the Board's website page from Friday 20 December 2024. At the same time, a notice must be displayed at the premises.
- 3.1 I visited the premises on 23 December 2024 at which time I was unable to locate the notice.
- 3.2 On telephoning the applicant, he confirmed that the notice was displayed in the summer house and was capable of being read by passing public.
- 3.3 A further check was made on 9 January 2025 at which time the position of the notice was such that a person would have to step through an open gate into the curtilage of the premises to be able to read it, see photo 4.

4. I have no adverse comments relating to the application.

Julia Farroll Licensing Standards Officer

14 January 2025



Photos 1 & 2 - Outdoor drinking area to the front of the premises



Photo 3 - Outdoor bar within the garden area



Photo 4 – position of notice



Hearing 1 – Appendix 3

23rd December 2024

Your Ref:

Our Ref: AP/HJR/885292

Clerk of the Board Stewartry Divisional Licensing Kirkbank House English Street Dumfries DG1 2HS



Dumfries & Galloway Division Police Headquarters Cornwall Mount Dumfries DG1 1PZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
PREMISES: MASONIC ARMS, 10 ANN STREET, GATEHOUSE OF FLEET, DG7 2HU
APPLICANT: MASONIC ARMS LIMITED, C/O DSM LIMITED, DEE WALK,
KIRKCUDBRIGHT, DG6 4DR

I refer to the above application for the variation of a premises licence under terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The variation requested consists of variations to the Operating and Layout Plans.

In terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the same Act, I make the following representation.

The variation includes the creation of a new outdoor seating area to the front of the premises next to a public highway.

In terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I believe the variation in its current form should be modified so that it be granted subject to the following conditions: -

- 1) The outdoor drinking area is contained by suitable barrier structures
- 2) Plastic drinking containers to be used within the outside drinking area

The suggested location is positioned beside a main roadway, in the interest of public safety Police Scotland propose a suitable barrier structure, i.e water, rope or metal barriers, be utilised which would give clear delineation of the licensed drinking area and prevent patrons from encroaching onto the roadway

OFFICIAL: POLICE AND PARTNERS

This representation is submitted for your attention in considering this application.

Yours faithfully

Steven Meikle Chief Superintendent

Hearing 1 – Appendix 4





LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (THE ACT): SECTION 74 APPLICATION FOR A PERSONAL LICENCE

APPLICANT: JAKUB SIENKOWIEC

1. Reason for Report

The Board has received an application for a Personal Licence and the Chief Constable has submitted a Notice stating that the applicant has not been convicted of a relevant offence. However, as the Chief Constable has submitted information in relation to the applicant that he considers is relevant to consideration by the Board of the application and is recommending that the application be refused, the Board must, in law, hold a Hearing.

2. Background

- 2.1 Jakub Sienkowiec submitted an application for a Personal Licence on 12 December 2024.
- 2.2 A Personal Licence, issued by a Licensing Board, authorises the licence holder to supervise or authorise the sale of alcohol.
- 2.3 The pre-licence conditions that must be met in law before an application can be granted have been met. Namely, that the applicant:
- is aged 18 or over;
- possesses a licensing qualification;
- does not already hold a Personal Licence; and
- has not held a Personal Licence that has previously been revoked within the last five years (other than it being revoked for failure to produce to the Board evidence of renewed Personal Licence Holder training)

3. Police Response

3.1 A copy of the application was forwarded to the Chief Constable and, within the 21-day statutory timeline, the Chief Constable responded with a Notice (**Appendix 1**).

4. Determining the application

- 4.1 As democratically elected individuals, ultimate decision making power rests with elected Members and not Council Officers. Whilst Officers can give advice, they cannot clearly make decisions at Hearings. Ultimately, the Board must come to a lawful decision taking into account the following:
- 4.2 In terms of Section 74(6) of the Act, the Board must, after having regard to the terms of the Chief Constable's Notice:
- (a) if satisfied that a ground of refusal applies, REFUSE the application or
- (b) if not so satisfied, GRANT the application.
- 4.3 The grounds for refusal are:
- (a) That, having regard to the licensing objectives, the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Personal Licence;

(b) That it is otherwise necessary to refuse the application for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives (preventing crime and disorder; securing public safety; preventing public nuisance; protecting and improving public health; and protecting children and young persons from harm).

5. Recommendation

Members are asked to either GRANT or REFUSE the application.

Vlad Valiente Clerk to the Licensing Board Kirkbank House English Street Dumfries DG1 2HS

24 February 2025

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: POLICE AND PARTNERS

Appendix 1

27 December 2024

Your Ref: DG/A/0936

Our Ref: HM/COS/885557

Clerk of the Board Annandale & Eskdale Divisional Licensing Kirkbank Council Offices English Street Dumfries DG1 2HS



Dumfries & Galloway Division
Police Headquarters
Cornwall Mount
Dumfries
DG1 1PZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PERSONAL LICENCE JAKUB JOZEF SIENKOWIEC, 23/01/1985 THE GABLES HOTEL, 1 ANNAN ROAD, GRETNA, DG16 5DQ.

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 73(3)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I have to advise you that, based upon the information provided to Police Scotland, the applicant has not been convicted of any relevant offence.

I am unable to confirm the existence of any foreign offence in respect of the applicant.

In terms of Section 73(5) of the 2005 Act the Chief Constable provides the following information in relation to the applicant which is relevant to the Board's consideration of the application: -

During routine checks of police systems, it has come to attention that Mr Sienkowiec has the following pending case;

Date	Area	Crime/Offence			Disposal
28/10/2024	Nottingham	Stalking	Involving	Serious	Remanded on Police
		Alarm/Distress		Bail to appear at	

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: POLICE AND PARTNERS

Nottingham Police
Station on 29/01/2025

During October 2024 Mr Sienkowiec has pursued a course of conduct amounting to stalking with serious alarm and distress by tuning up at the victims address unannounced, leaving unwanted gifts, being abusive, following the victim to the gym and place of work and calling thirty to forty times a day. It is believed the victim is an ex-partner. As this case originates out with Police Scotland I am unable to provide any further details.

Police Scotland also wish to provide to the Board that Sienkowiec was issued a Recorded Police Warning for Assault on 11 August 2024. This was following a complaint that in June 2024 the informant was sitting within a bar when Mr Sienkowiec, working within the premises at the time, came behind him and ran a butter knife across the front of his throat before walking away. There was no injury, no threats made and no reason was given as to why Sienkowiec had done this. When spoken to by Police he denied running the butter knife across the complainer's throat and stated that he and the complainer had recently fallen out and he advised the complainer that he is not welcome within the licensed premises where the applicant worked as a manager.

The nature of the pending case causes serious concerns for Police Scotland in relation to the licensing objective of Preventing Crime and Disorder and Securing Public Safety. Furthermore the incident for which Mr Sienkowiec received a Recorded Police Warning happened within a licensed premises showing at the very least poor judgement in dealing with conflict within the workplace.

In light of the above, the Chief Constable considers that it is necessary for the purposes of the preventing crime and disorder and securing public safety licensing objectives, that the application be refused.

Yours faithfully

Steven Meikle Chief Superintendent