

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Licensing Board

Wednesday, 15 November 2023

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Councillor James Allan, Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Councillor Neil Cameron, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor David Gordon, Councillor Scott Lawrence, Councillor Sonya Warren

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ben Williams

IN ATTENDANCE

Sean Hoath, Depute Clerk to the Board; Jennifer Smith, Solicitor; Lindsey Robinson, Committee Services Officer, all Moray Council, and PC Mitchell Dickson, Police Scotland

1. Chair

Councillor Sonya Warren, as co-Chair of the Licensing Board, chaired the meeting.

2. Declaration of Member's Interests

The Board noted that there were no declarations of Member's interests.

3. Minute of the meeting held 6 September 2023

The minute of the meeting held 6 September 2023 was submitted and approved.

4. Cardhu Distillery 23-01695-PREVMA

Mr Hoath introduced the application as a major variation and advised the Board that all paperwork was in order and there were no objections and the applicant had accepted the Police representation.

PC Dickson confirmed that there was nothing more to add from Police Scotland.

The applicants representative addressed the Board and responded to the questions asked.

Thereafter Councillor Bloomfield moved that the variation be granted. This was seconded by Councillor Warren.

There being no one other wise minded the variation was granted.

5. Strathisla Distillery 23-01537-PREVMA

Mr Hoath introduced the application as a major variation and advised the Board that all paperwork was in order and there were no objections or representations.

PC Dickson confirmed that there was nothing more to add from Police Scotland.

Due to technical issues the online participants could not hear what was being discussed in the Chamber so at this juncture Councillors Colyer and Gordon left the meeting advising that they had no questions for the applicants representative and would be happy to approve the variation.

The Chamber could hear the applicants representative online and after sending him a message advising that the Board had no questions and would be happy to approve the variation, he confirmed that he had nothing further to add and was happy with the outcome.

Thereafter the Chair moved that the variation be granted and there being no one other wise minded the variation was granted.

6. Elgin Bridge Centre 23-02195-PRELIC

Mr Hoath introduced the application as a new premises licence and advised the Board that all paperwork was in order and there were no objections and no representations.

PC Dickson confirmed that there was nothing more to add from Police Scotland.

The applicant addressed the Board and responded to the questions asked.

Thereafter Councillor Bloomfield moved that the licence be granted. This was seconded by Councillor Warren.

There being no one other wise minded the licence was granted.

7. Catch 79 23-02238-PRETHA

Mr Hoath introduced the application as a variation to an existing licence as this was a transfer and variation but the transfer had already taken place. He advised the Board that all paperwork was in order and there were no objections or representations.

PC Dickson confirmed that there was nothing more to add from Police Scotland.

The applicant addressed the Board and responded to the questions asked.

Thereafter Councillor Bloomfield moved that the variation be granted. This was seconded by Councillor Cameron.

There being no one other wise minded the variation was granted.

8. Annual Review of Licensing Fees

The meeting had before it a report by the Clerk to the Board updating the board on the overall income versus expenditure for alcohol licensing for the last financial year.

During consideration Councillor Lawrence moved that fees should remain as they are until June 2024 so that trends can be analysed before a decision is taken. This was seconded by Councillor Warren.

Following consideration the Board unanimously agreed:

- i. to note the current fees attached at Appendix 1;
- ii. to note the financial report on income and expenditure at Appendix 2;
- iii. to publish the financial report; and
- iv. to keep the current fee structure until June 2024 when it would be reviewed.