

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
LICENSING BOARD**

MINUTE of Meeting of the SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD held in the COUNCIL, CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS and via Microsoft Teams on 26 January 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: - Councillors M. Douglas (Convener), J. Cox, D. Parker, J. PatonDay, N. Richards, E. Small, F. Sinclair, T. Weatherston.

In Attendance: - Managing Solicitor (Property and Licensing), Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers (M. Wynne, J. Scott and Hannah Wood), Licensing Officers – (S. Lackenby and T. Thomson), PC S Dishington, Sergeant S. Miller (Police Scotland), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

1.0 MINUTE

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 15 December 2023.

DECISION

APPROVED the minute for signature by the Convener.

2.0 LICENSES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

For Members' information there had been circulated copies of lists of licences dealt with under delegated powers for the period 5 December 2023 – 15 January 2024.

DECISION

NOTED.

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

3.0 Section 20: Application for Grant/Provisional Grant of Premises Licence

3.1 Consider the following application for Grant of Premises Licence.

Co-operative Group Food Ltd

**Co-op
115 – 117 High Street
Selkirk
TD7 4JX
(Provisional)**

Proposed business activity – The premises are a ground floor retail unit in the town centre of Selkirk. The proposal is to operate as a convenience store, as part of a national chain, selling a broad range of products, including alcohol to be sold on an off-sale basis only. The premises has been licensed previously as the Co-op and Sainsburys in the past, but the licence was surrendered a couple of years ago.

Licensed hours applied for:

ON SALE

Mon to Sun – N/A

OFF SALE

Mon to Sun - 10.00am to 10.00pm

Representations received:

Police Scotland - none.

Licensing Standards Enforcement Officer - none.

Health - none.

Other - none.

There had been circulated copies of an application for the grant of a Premises Licence. Mr Wynne, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officer advised that the application was for the Ground Floor premises which had previously been owned by Sainsbury and had held a Licence. The Co-op had recently acquired the property and had carried out an extensive refurbishment to create a new Co-op store. The application was for off sales, was within policy and no objections had been received. Police Scotland had no objections.

The Convener welcomed, Mr Lewis Barn, representing the Co-op to the meeting via Teams. Mr Barn explained that the application contained standard terms and was similar to Licences held by Co-ops stores throughout the Borders. Mr Barn went on to explain that the newly refurbished premises would replace the co-op store situated at 70 High Street, Selkirk with all staff transferring to the new store. The Co-op was very committed to the local area and would be employing additional staff in the new store. Mr Barn confirmed that the store was scheduled to open in September 2024, rather than July as previously stated.

DECISION

AGREED TO Grant.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 a.m.