

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD

MINUTE of Meeting of the SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD held via Microsoft Teams on 19 February 2021 at 10.00 am

Present:- Councillors J. Greenwell (Convener), J. Brown, N. Richards, D. Paterson, S. Scott, R. Tatler, E. Thornton-Nicol, G. Turnbull T. Weatherston.

In Attendance:- Managing Solicitor (Property and Licensing), Licensing Services Team Leader, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers (I. Tunnah and M. Wynne), Inspector J Morrison and PC Sharon Lackenby, Police Scotland, Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

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The Convener opened the meeting and welcomed Members of the Licensing Board and members of the public to Scottish Borders Licensing Board's open on-line meeting. He explained the meeting was being held remotely in order to adhere to guidance on public meetings and social distancing currently in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

1.0 MINUTE

The Minute of Meeting of 22 January 2021.

DECISION APPROVED.

2.0 LICENCES DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

For Members' information there had been circulated copies of lists of licences dealt with under delegated powers for the period 13 January 2021 – 9 February 2021.

DECISION NOTED.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Scott declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion.

3.0 LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005:

Section 20: Application for Premises Licence. Consider the following application for Provisional Grant of Premises Licence (applicant cited to attend).

Wild Packs Summer Camps Ltd

Wedderlie House
by Westruther
TD3 6NW
Provisional

Converted stable with accommodation above (unlicensed) consisting of bar area, function/reception/dancing/seating area and toilets. Grassed area to the front and side which will house a marquee and/or temporary bar structures.

Licensed hours applied for:

On Sale

Off Sale

Mon to Wed 11.00am – 12.00midnight

Mon to Sun 11.00am - 10.00pm

Thurs to Sun 11.00am – 1.00am

Representations received:

Police Scotland - copy attached

Licensing Standards Officer - copy attached

Health - copy attached.

Other - none.

There had been circulated copies of an application for the provisional grant of a premises licence together with the proposed Operating Plan and layout plan. Representations had been received from Police Scotland, Licensing Standards Officer and Health and these had been circulated. Mr Tunnah, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officer advised that the premises would operate as an exclusive private hire event space with external catering provision. Weddings (including ceremonies), receptions and other celebrations may take place including Private Corporate award ceremonies, highland games together with community and charity events. The application submitted by Wild Packs Summer Camps related to a converted stable with accommodation above (unlicensed) consisting of bar area, function/receptions/dancing/seating area and toilets at Wedderlie House, Westruther. Mr Tunnah further advised that there had been concerns raised with regard to the core hours, music for large outside spaces and access for Children and Young people.

The Convener welcomed Caroline Loudon, TLT Solicitors and a representative for the applicant to the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Ms Loudon explained that the business which had been under renovations for 2 years was already experiencing difficulties due to the pandemic with 21 weddings booked for 2021 already reduced to six with potential for this to be reduced further. It was further explained that clients would hire the entire estate for their event which had a maximum capacity of 200. Mr Tunnah and Ms Loudon had worked together to address the matters of concern and amendments to the application were circulated to the Board and Ms Loudon thanked Mr Tunnah for his help.

DECISION

GRANTED as amended following discussions between Mr Tunnah and the applicants agent.

The meeting concluded at 10:22 a.m.