

MINUTE of MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD held in Committee Rooms 2/3, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on Friday, 19 February 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Convener), J. Campbell, G. Logan, D. Paterson, R. Stewart, J. Torrance, B. White.  
Apologies:- Councillors J. Greenwell, B. Herd, T. Weatherston.  
In Attendance:- Managing Solicitor – Property and Licensing, Licensing Team Leader, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers (Mr I. Tunnah and Mr M. Wynne), Democratic Services Officer (K. Mason), P.C. C. Lackenby, Inspector M. Bennett - Police Scotland.

1. **MINUTE**

The Minute of Meeting of 22 January 2016 had been circulated.

**DECISION**

**APPROVED and signed by the Convener.**

2. **LICENCES DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

For Members' information there had been circulated copies of a list of licences dealt with under delegated powers for the period 14 January 2016 – to 10 February 2016.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

3. **LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005:**

**Section 20: Application for Premises Licence.** The Board considered the following application for Provisional Grant of Licence:-

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| Adam Purves Galashiels Limited | Shop Premises<br>44 Tweed Road<br>Galashiels |
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There had been circulated copies of a notice of objection/representation from Mr Alastair Lings advising that he supported the application in the hope that it would allow this shop to reopen and again provide a valuable service to the local community.

Mr Angus Towers, General Manager and Mr Richard Garrie, Operations Manager were present. It was noted that the premises which previously operated as a convenience store had been closed for some time and Mr Garrie advised that the opening of the premises was seen as an opportunity to provide a service to the local community.

**DECISION**

**GRANTED.**

4. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on 18 March 2016.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

5. **URGENT BUSINESS**

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Convener was of the opinion that the items dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to keep Members informed and make an early decision.

6. **NIGHT ECONOMY VISITS**

The Convener referred to previous night time initiatives when Members of the Licensing Board accompanied by Police Officers had visited Galashiels, Hawick etc and emphasised it was important that Members had an oversight of what was happening in these areas. It would also give them an opportunity to view taxi ranks. He advised that the last night visit was not well supported by Members and submitted it was important that Members were committed to undertake such a visit. Inspector Bennett confirmed he would accompany Members and suggested that visits be arranged for 2 April 2016, with those attending meeting at Galashiels Police Station at 11.30 p.m. Councillors Archibald, Paterson, and White advised they were available on 2 April and confirmed their attendance. Councillor Torrance advised he would attend if free. Councillors Campbell and Logan advised they were unable to attend. The Convener also felt it worthwhile that the invitation should be extended to the Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers and members of the Local Licensing Forum.

**DECISION  
AGREED**

- (a) **that subject to adequate numbers able to attend, night economy visits would take place on 2 April 2016, meeting at Galashiels Police Station at 11.30 p.m.**
- (b) **that appropriate transport arrangements would be made; and**
- (c) **the Democratic Services Officer liaise with Councillors Greenwell, Herd and Weatherston, the Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officers and members of the Local Licensing Forum to ascertain if they would be able to take part.**

7. **LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT**

The Managing Solicitor Property and Licensing advised he would be attending a SOLAR Licensing Working Group on 29 February 2016 when he would gauge what other Licensing Boards' thoughts were in relation to review of Policy Statements noting that the Scottish Borders Licensing Board's Policy was due for renewal in October 2016. He advised that advice had been received from the Scottish Government that in view of the legislation relating to the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 there may be discretion for Board's not to review their Licensing Policy Statements until May 2017. However, it was noted that amendments to some parts of the existing Policy Statement could be made before May 2017 if Members so wished and the Managing Solicitor Property and Licensing advised that he would provide feedback from the SOLAR Policy Working Group discussions at the next meeting of the Board.

**DECISION**

**NOTED that the Managing Solicitor Property and Licensing would provide feedback from the SOLAR Working Group at the next meeting.**

8. **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

**DECISION**

**AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.**

**SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS**

9. **MINUTE**

The Private Section of Minute of Meeting of 22 January 2016 was approved.

*The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.*