

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LOTHIAN LICENSING BOARD

**THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013
SALTIRE ROOMS, JOHN MUIR HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Board Members Present:

Councillor J Goodfellow (Chair)
Councillor S Akhtar
Councillor D Grant
Councillor W Innes
Councillor F McAllister

Clerk of the Licensing Board:

Mrs K MacNeill

Attending:

Mrs M Ferguson, Corporate Legal Adviser
Insp Harborow, Lothian & Borders Police
PC J Leslie, Lothian & Borders Police
Ms M Winter, Licensing Admin Assistant

Committee Clerk:

Ms J Totney, Democratic Services Manager

Apologies:

Councillor P McLennan

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – 29 AUGUST 2013

The minutes of the Licensing Board meeting of 29 August 2013 were agreed to be a true record.

2. PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

(i) Pinkie Farm Store – Pinkie Road, Musselburgh

Ms Lindsay Wainwright of Davidson Chalmers was present to represent the applicant. Mr Colin Smith, the intended Designated Premises Manager, was also present.

The Clerk informed that Board that no objections had been received.

Ms Wainwright advised that planning consent had recently been granted for a farm shop selling local produce, and that once constructed, the existing premises licence

would be surrendered. She added that all existing staff would be offered employment in the new store and that although the store would open at 5.30am, the hours for the off-sales of alcohol would be from 10am until 10pm.

Decision

The Board agreed to grant the provisional premises licence.

3. VARIATIONS OF PREMISES LICENCE

(i) Haddington Rugby Football Club, Mill Wynd, Haddington

No one was present to represent the applicant.

The Clerk stated that the application seeks to vary the premise licence from a club licence to an open licence and to extend the licensed area to the whole clubhouse following an extension of the premises. She informed the Board that the Police have requested that children and young persons under 16 vacate the premises by 10pm and that young persons aged 16 and 17 are accompanied by an adult after 10pm.

Decision

The Licensing Board agreed to grant the variation to the premises licence subject to the conditions requested by the Police in relation to children and young persons.

(ii) Whispers, 95 High Street, Tranent

The applicant, Mr William Morgan, was present.

The Clerk stated that the application seeks to vary the premise licence to include entry to young persons and children between 9.30am and 7pm every day in the seated and pool table areas of the premises.

In response to the Clerk, Mr Morgan confirmed that he was not seeking a licence for adult entertainment. He informed the Board that he had received requests for patrons to be able to bring their children into the premises to eat and confirmed that children and young persons would not have access to the rear bar area of the premises.

The Police indicated that they had no objections.

Councillors Akhtar and Grant, Local Ward Members, supported the application.

Decision

The Licensing Board agreed to grant the variation to the premises licence.