



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LOTHIAN LICENSING BOARD

**THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Board Members Present:

Councillor F Dugdale (Convener)
Councillor L Bruce
Councillor J Goodfellow
Councillor J Henderson
Councillor J McMillan

Clerk of the Licensing Board:

Mrs K MacNeill, Service Manager, People and Governance

Attending:

Ms G Herkes, Licensing Officer
Ms C Shiel, Licensing Officer
Mr R Fruzynski, Licensing Standards Officer
PC C Banks, Police Scotland

Committee Clerk:

Ms J Totney, Team Manager – Democratic and Licensing

Apologies:

Councillor W Innes

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the East Lothian Licensing Board meeting of 28 November 2019 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

**2. PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE
Beer Zoo, 35 high Street, Dunbar**

Mr D Holt and Ms F Holt, Directors, were present.

The Clerk advised that the application sought to licence a small ground floor shop for the off-sales of alcohol. She stated that the Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) and Police Scotland had requested that CCTV be installed, and that there were no public objections.

Mr Holt explained that the premises would be retailing craft beers, boutique spirits and other quality Scottish and international specialist alcoholic products.

The LSO reported that the premises had been operating with occasional licences without any problems and that he supported the application.

PC Banks, Police Scotland, echoed the comments made by the LSO and reminded the Board that Police Scotland had requested the installation of CCTV.

Board members asked questions about the company's internet and delivery/non delivery policies, the use of Challenge 25, and their commitment to climate change challenges, which the Directors answered to the Board's satisfaction.

Decision

East Lothian Licensing Board unanimously agreed to grant the provisional premises licence with the condition that CCTV to be installed and maintained in full working order.

**3. MAJOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE
Aldi Stores, Haddington Road, Tranent**

Ms C Loudon, TLT Solicitors, was present to represent the applicant. The store manager and the area manager were also present.

The Clerk advised that the application sought to vary the premises licence to change the layout plan to permanently increase the alcohol display capacity and to further increase the display capacity, annually, during December and at Easter. She stated that there were no objections from any parties.

Ms Loudon explained that alcohol would now be displayed at the rear of the store, in line with a standard layout change that is being rolled out across all Aldi stores. She commented that she had received very helpful advice from the LSO regarding the application.

The LSO and Police Scotland stated that they had no objections to the application.

Councillor Goodfellow expressed concern that displaying alcohol at the back of the store could encourage the theft of alcohol and stressed the need for the applicant to strictly adhere to their policy of reporting all alcohol thefts to the Police.

Decision

East Lothian Licensing Board unanimously agreed to grant the variation of the premises licence.

**4. PERSONAL LICENCE
Lee Cargill**

Mr Cargill was present.

The Clerk advised there were no objections to the application.

Mr Cargill explained that he had previously held a Personal Licence and had not received his renewal advice due to a change in his location.

PC Banks stated that Police Scotland had no objection to this application.

Decision

East Lothian Licensing Board unanimously agreed to grant the personal licence.

**5. REQUEST TO EXTEND PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE
10-12 Court Street, Haddington**

Mr A McDonald, McDonald Licensing, was present to represent the applicant. Mr F Cucchi, Company Director, was also present.

The Clerk presented the report and informed members that there had been a request to extend the period of the provisional premises licence, and outlined the matters that the Board should take into consideration when making its decision. She added that there are no objections to the application.

Mr McDonald explained that the extension is being sought as a result of delays in building works, although these are now fairly well advanced. He indicated that the premises should open around Easter 2020 and requested an extension of one year, to provide contingency against any further delays.

The LSO and Police Scotland had no comments to make.

Decision

East Lothian Licensing Board unanimously agreed to grant the extension to the provisional premises licence.

Signed

Councillor F Dugdale
Convener of East Lothian Licensing Board