

From: Licensing Standards Officer

To: C. Grilli
Clerk to the Licensing BoardDate: 8th February 2024

Subject: LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION(S) – OCC109/24

JOANNA LAWRENCE FOR DUNGLASS ESTATE, DUNGLASS, COCKBURNSPATH, EAST
LOTHIAN, TD13 5XF

The applicant is Joanna Lawrence who is a personal licence holder. The application is for an occasional licence for a wedding for 120 people 23rd – 24th March 2024. The duration requested is from 11am – 1am.

Dunglass Estate has a purpose-built wedding/event venue that has been operating on occasional licences submitted by outside caterers/personal licence holders. The venue appears to have been in operation since 2021. The following number of occasional licence applications have been submitted and granted:

2021 – 23

2022 – 26

2023 – 52

There has been a significant increase in the number of applications and the venue is now used on a weekly basis, hosting weddings at weekends and midweek.

I refer the Board to section 23.1 and 23.2 of the Statement of Licensing Policy:

23.1 - Repeated applications for Occasional Licences for the same premises and which are: -

- *not for specific events; and/or*
- *for activities that have been occurring (either in identical or largely similar terms) on the premises regularly over a period of at least 3 months will not generally be considered suitable for the grant of an Occasional Licence and will not be granted by the Board under delegated authority but will require a hearing before the Board. This includes where there are different applicants for the same premises, but the activities are similar e.g. weddings, corporate events. It is largely expected that the premises in question should consider an application for a Premises Licence.*

23.2 - Section 59(6) of the Act specifies the grounds for refusal of an application for an Occasional Licence. These grounds include “that the Licensing Board considers the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives”. These licensing objectives include: -

- *Securing public safety.*

- *Protecting and improving public health*
- *Protecting Children and Young Persons from harm.*

The scrutiny given to an application for a Premises Licence is not available where premises operate under a series of consecutive Occasional Licences. In the interests of securing public safety, and/or, for protecting and improving public health, the Board, considers that it is not appropriate for a premises to operate on a series of consecutive Occasional Licences, rather than apply for a Premises Licence. The Board will require an applicant to explain at a Hearing why an application for a Premises Licence is not being made unless the Clerk of the Board is satisfied that there are good reasons that prevent such an application, that are not within the control of the applicant.

Where an application is to allow premises to trade on a regular basis prior to a Premises Licence application having been determined, the application will be referred to the Board for consideration in the first instance.

I understand that the applicant is as a hired caterer however as the policy details - *"This includes where there are different applicants for the same premises, but the activities are similar e.g. weddings, corporate events."* I suggest that the applicant should liaise with the Estate Owner.

An approach was made to Dunglass Estate in February 2023 and detailed guidance was given on the process of applying for a premises licence. A large amount of correspondence was sent to Claire Weir, Events Manager at the Estate. In October 2023, I was contacted by Ms Weir and informed she was leaving her position however Simon Usher, owner of the Estate would be taking the premises licence application forward. I had no further communication from Mr Usher and no update on any progress until Mr Usher made contact on 6th February 2024 following receipt of other reports on occasional licences. Miss Weir detailed that there was an outstanding building warrant that needed to be granted.

In accordance with board policy above, I refer the application to the Licensing Board for determination.

Licensing Standards Officer

Licensing

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Good Morning ,

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Regards,

Lee

OCC109/24
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LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005, SECTION 142

OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes.

If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written or typed in black ink. Use additional sheets, if necessary.

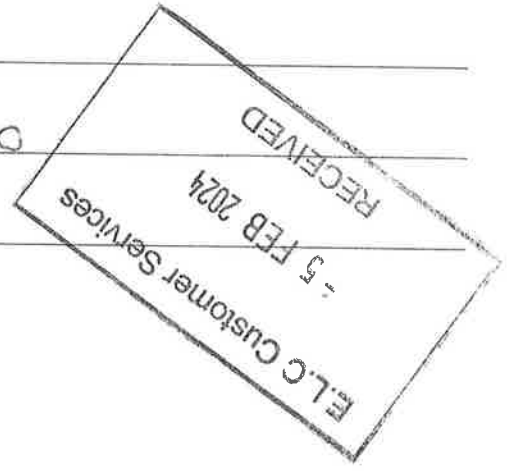
You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

1. LICENCE DETAILS (see note 1)

Premises licence number (if applicable) _____

Personal licence number (if applicable) EL1150

Name of voluntary organisation (if applicable) _____



2. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (delete as appropriate):

~~Mr~~ / Mrs / ~~Miss~~ / ~~Ms~~ / Other (please state) _____

Surname Lawrence

Forenames Joanna Margo

Date of birth (Day / Month / Year) [REDACTED]

2. PERSONAL DETAILS (cont)

Address where ordinarily resident to be used for correspondence purposes

[Redacted]

Post town

[Redacted]

Post code

[Redacted]

Telephone Numbers

Daytime Tel.

Evening Tel.

Mobile No.

[Redacted]

Fax No.

Email

info@jos-ritcher.co.uk

3. THE PREMISES

Description of premises

Bespoke Wedding pavilion and grounds

Description of activities to be carried on in the premises – (including number of persons expected to attend)

120 Guests, Marriage, meal, Dancing, bar

Full postal address of premises which this application refers to _____

Dunglass Estate, Cockburnspath, TD13 5XF

4. DURATION OF LICENCE

Date: From 23/4/24³ To 24/4/24³

Time: From 11am To 1am

5. Is alcohol to be sold on & off the premises

YES NO

Provide relevant details as to hours requested when alcohol will be sold on/off the premises.

Times for sale of alcohol for consumption on premises

As above

Times for sale of alcohol for consumption off premises

N/A.

Statement of the times at which any activities other than the sale of alcohol will be carried on in the premises

11am until 1am

6. CHILDREN (see note 2)

This section must be completed where alcohol is for sale for consumption on the premises

Are children or young persons permitted entry?

YES NO

(If answered yes the remainder of this section must be completed)

Ages of children or young persons permitted entry 0-17.

Times at which children or young persons permitted entry all times

Parts of premises to which children or young persons permitted entry

All areas apart from 1.5m from bar.

7. CHECKLIST

I have (please tick for yes) made or enclosed
payment of the fee for the application

YES

8. Signature and declaration by applicant (see note 3)

DECLARATION

The contents of  are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____

Date

10/1/24

NOTES

1. Section 56 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act provides that only: –

- The holder of a premises licence;
- The holder of a personal licence; or
- A representative of any voluntary organisation

is eligible to apply for an occasional licence

2. Where alcohol is to be sold for consumption on the premises, the Act requires that a clear statement be made as to whether children or young persons are to be allowed entry and, if they are, a statement of the terms on which they are allowed entry

3. Data Protection Act 2018

The information on this form may be held on an electronic register which may be available to members of the public on request.

4. Information on the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 is available on the website of OPSI (<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/acts2005/20050016.htm>)

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS SHEET WITH YOUR
OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION FORM

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. Event

(a) Please detail the type of event (e.g. birthday party, anniversary, ceilidh, etc.)

Wedding

(b) What entertainment, if any, will be provided? (e.g. live music, recorded music etc.)

Band, live music

2. Attendance

(a) Approximately how many people are expected to attend?

120

(b) How is this figure obtained? (e.g. previous events, ticket sales, capacity of venue)

Invitations

(c) In the main, what age group will form the majority of those attending?
Please tick one box

Under 18

18 - 30

30 - 50

over 50

2. (cont)

(d) How is access gained to the event? (e.g. ticket purchased in advance, ticket purchased at the door, private invitation)

Private Invitation

3. Stewarding

Please note it is an offence under the Private Security Industry Act 2001 to employ unlicensed door stewards.

Unpaid volunteers performing this function are not covered by the Act. More information can be found at Security Industry Authority.

(a) Please state the number, if any, of stewards to be employed at the event.

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(b) Of that number, please state how many will be SIA registered stewards and how many will be volunteers.

N/A.

4. Layout Plans

Please indicate if -

- (a) there is a plan attached to a Public Entertainment Licence issued for the premises; or
- (b) the premises relate to a members club which has been issued with a premises licence; or
- (c) if neither of the above, please attach a detailed layout plan of the venue with the application

Already submitted a plan

5. Applications Lodged by Voluntary Organisations or Members Clubs Only

Please list the dates of previous occasional Licences granted by the Board between 1 January and 31 December

N/A

6. Will alternatives to glass receptacles be provided?

No.

7. To what standard will those serving alcohol be trained?

Please provide details of any training certificate held.

2 personal licence holders - All staff had
at least 2 hours training

LICENSING OBJECTIVES

All holders of occasional licences must demonstrate how they will promote the 5 Licensing Objectives. Please provide practical examples of what you plan to do to comply with each objectives.

8. How will you prevent Crime and Disorder at the event?

Safe sale of alcohol

9. How will you secure Public Safety at the event?

Refuse to serve drunk guests

10. How will you prevent Public Nuisance at the event?

Refuse to Served drunk guests, Remote location

11. How will you promote and protect Public Health at the event?

through Signage.

12. How will you protect Children from harm at the event?

No alcohol Served to Children, Keep them 1.5m from Bar area.

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

(Criminal Law (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 1995 Section 44(2)(b))

The content of this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature



Date

10/1/24

