



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
EAST LOTHIAN LICENSING BOARD**

**TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2017
FLETCHER ROOM, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Board Members Present:

Councillor J Goodfellow (Convener)
Councillor S Akhtar
Councillor W Innes
Councillor F McAllister

Clerk of the Licensing Board:

Mrs L Shearer, Solicitor

Attending:

Mrs D Elworthy, Licensing Officer
PC H Bowsher, Police Scotland
Ms C Corrigan
Ms A Stark

Committee Clerk:

Ms F Currie, Committees Officer

Apologies:

Councillor S Currie
Councillor D Grant
Councillor T Trotter

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the East Lothian Licensing Board and the East Lothian Licensing Forum joint meeting held on 26 January 2017 were agreed to be a true record.

2 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the East Lothian Licensing Board meeting held on 30 March 2017 were agreed to be a true record.

3 REVIEW OF PERSONAL LICENCE

Ms Carolyn Corrigan

The Convener asked PC Heather Bowsher to outline the background to this review.

PC Bowsher referred Members to Police Scotland's letter of 12 April 2017 notifying the Licensing Board that Ms Carolyn Corrigan had been convicted of an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 5 (drink driving). She provided a brief summary of the circumstances of the offence, as contained in the letter.

The Convener invited Ms Corrigan to comment. Ms Corrigan stated that she sincerely regretted the incident and the subsequent conviction. She said that she had been having some personal problems at the time and this had culminated in the events of 12 January 2017. Ms Corrigan stated that she had since taken steps to address her personal problems with the help and support of her family. She reiterated her sincere regrets over the incident and putting her licence in jeopardy.

In response to questions from Members, Ms Corrigan confirmed that she worked at the Jet Service Station in Tranent. She recalled that on the day of her offence she went to her mother's home after work where she had a drink. She later decided to drive the short distance to her own home and it was at this point that she was stopped by the police.

PC Bowsher added that the bungalow where Ms Corrigan's mother resided was next door to the service station and Ms Corrigan's own home was only a few hundred yards along the road.

Decision

The Convener advised Ms Corrigan that the Licensing Board took the circumstances of her offence very seriously, particularly given her status as a personal licensee. However, he noted that Ms Corrigan had behaved correctly in notifying the authorities of her conviction and said that her honesty was appreciated.

The Convener stated that, taking all of these factors into account, the Licensing Board had agreed to endorse Ms Corrigan's licence for a period of 5 years commencing from 25 April 2017.

Signed

Councillor Jim Goodfellow
Convener of East Lothian Licensing Board