

LSO – Licensing Forum Notes

May 2025 – July 2025

Board Meetings

As Licensing Standards Officer, I have been involved in the following applications etc. as presented at the Licensing Board:

○ **May Licensing Board 2025**

- **Major Variation Application - New Hailes Estate**

Increase to outside licensed area and capacity to facilitate events. This was identified by the LSO following compliance issues. Granted by the Licensing Board

- **Provisional Premises Licence – Margiotta, Longniddry**

New off sales premises in new development in Longniddry, similar model to premises in Aberlady and Gullane. Granted by Licensing Board. Premises currently operating on occasional licences until confirmation.

- **Provisional Premises Licence – Gilmerton House, Haddington**

Provisional premises licence for large house and grounds to be used as a wedding and events venue. This premises has operated for several year on occasional licences and was guided to make this application to move operations forward. Granted by Licensing Board.

- **Provisional Premises Licence – Premier Gifford**

This premises was previously licensed as a convenience store however the premises licence was revoked in Dec 2023 as the premises licence holder was found not fit and proper. A new operator had taken over the premises. Provisional premises licence granted. Premises currently operating on occasional licences until confirmation.

- **Occasional Licence – Premier Gifford**

As per above occasional licences granted following grant of provisional premises licence. Use of occasionals to be reviewed in 12 months.

- **Occasional Licence – Marigiotta, Longniddry**

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- **Occasional Licence – Scottish Genesis Open, Renaissance Golf Course on course hospitality**

Occasional licence application for public bars on course. Licensing Board happy with operator and information provided and allowed 10am on sales start. Local conditions applied and granted by the Licensing Board.

- **Occasional Licence – Scottish Genesis Open, Renaissance Golf Course Marquees/outlets**

Occasional licence application for hospitality marquees and outlets. Licensing Board members had questions about the application and felt the applicant lacked preparation. The on sales time more

than board policy of 11pm was refused and applicant was only allowed a midnight finish on the Tuesday for a specific event. Local conditions applied and granted by the Licensing Board.

- **Review of Personal Licence –Ashleigh McGarvie**

Applicant was committee member and premises licence holder where circumstances were established that alcohol had been sold at the premises without a premises manager resulting in a section 1 Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 offence. Reported by LSO, police made no objection. Granted by Licensing Board as deemed she had applied to increase knowledge to try and improve compliance at the premises.

- **Review of Premises Licence – Wiremill Social Club**

Review brought forward by Licensing Board following information contained in LSO report about the above personal licence. Police gave full circumstances that alcohol had been sold without a premises manager on several occasions and police had been called to incidents of disorder at these times. Premises licence was suspended for 1 month until next licensing board for committee to improve practice and work with the LSO and police.

- o **June Licensing Board 2025**

- **Review of Premises Licence – The Rocks, Dunbar**

Review applications submitted by LSO and police in relation to breach of licence conditions such as no staff training, providing activities not on the operating plan (pool, darts, gaming) and no age verification policy. Following a joint visit by LSO and Community police a 17-year-old was found consuming alcohol. Multiple complaints in relation to noise, drug use, drunkenness and underage patrons were received from residents. All the above was committed by the tenant at the premises and so prior to the review hearing the landlord and premises licence holder terminated the lease and removed the tenant from the premises. Given this action was taken the Licensing Board issued a written warning.

- **Premises Licence follow up – The Wiremill Social Club**

Committee presented improvements that had been made following guidance from the LSO and Environmental Protection Officers. Suspension was lifted and premises permitted to trade.

- **Major Variation Application – The Law, North Berwick**

Applications to add activities to licence, change on sales hours and change the premises name. Large investment to refurbish premises for a new tenant who will be operating it. Granted by the Licensing Board with conditions in relation to the outside area.

- **Major Variation Application – Musselburgh and Fisherrow Welfare Club**

Applications to change to open premises licence from club and appoint a premises manager. This will allow greater frequency of public functions. Granted by the Licensing Board.

- **Major Variation Application – Longniddry Inn**

Applications to add activities to licence, change children access and extend licensed hours and amend layout plan. Granted by the Licensing Board.

- **Premises Licence Application – Tranent Bowling Club**

Applications for full club premises licence after the previous premises licence was lost due to administrative errors. Granted by the Licensing Board.

○ **No July Licensing Board**

Provisional Licences Outstanding Confirmation

Provisional Grant Date	Premises	Comments re Section 50 Certs.	Confirmed
31/03/2022	Broxmouth Courtyard	Ongoing work on section 50	Expires Mar 2026
25/08/2022	The Mart, East Linton	Ongoing work on section 50	Expires Aug 2026
27/10/2022	The Tap Room, Haddington	Ongoing work on section 50	Expires Oct 2026
30/03/2023	Buck and Birch	Ongoing work on section 50	Expires Mar 2027
28/09/2023	Carfrae Farm shop	Ongoing work on section 50	Expires Sep 2027
23/11/2023	Garden City, Longniddry	No update, not selling alcohol	Expires Nov 2027
23/11/2023	The Tiffin Box, North Berwick	No update, not selling alcohol	Expires Nov 2027
25/04/2024	One Stop, Tranent	Just opened with occasional licences	Expires Apr 2028
23/05/2024	Tesco Express, Wallyford	No update, not selling alcohol	Expires May 2028
29/08/2024	Papple Steading	No update, not selling alcohol	Expires Aug 2028
29/08/2024	Costcutter, Tranent	No update	Expires Aug 2028
27/02/2025	Yarrow Cookery School	Recently granted	Expires Feb 2029
24/04/2025	Carlo's Fish Bar and Restaurant	Recently granted	Expires Apr 2029
24/04/2025	La Trattoria	Recently granted	Expires Apr 2029
22/05/2025	Gilmerton House	Recently granted	Expires May 2029
22/05/2025	Premier Gifford	Recently granted	Expires May 2029
22/05/2025	Margiotta, Longniddry	Recently granted	Expires May 2029
Confirmation	Outstanding	17	

7 premises have confirmed their provisional premises licence to operate on a full premises licence.

Marketing the Forum

The LSO has been promoting the forum whilst on visits.

Joint working LSO and Community Police Officers

Visits have been conducted in town centres in giving guidance about safe sales of alcohol to staff and highlighting any issues found. This will continue across East Lothian over the coming months.

Forum training update

Becky Crichton as our new Clerk has offered to help assist in organising forum training from Alcohol Focus Scotland.

Annual Fees

Letters were sent to all premises licence holders at the beginning of August requiring the annual fee to be paid by 1st October. Follow up with continue over this period to ensure fees are paid.

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