



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

**THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022  
ONLINE PLATFORM MEETING**

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**Board Members Present:**

Councillor L Bruce (Convener)  
Councillor C Cassini  
Councillor G Gilbert  
Councillor G McGuire  
Councillor J McMillan

**Clerk of the Licensing Board:**

Mr C Grilli, Service Manager – Governance

**Attending:**

Ms M Winter, Licensing Officer  
Ms S Fitzpatrick, Team Manager – Licensing and Landlord Registration  
Ms K Harling, Licensing Standards Officer  
PC G Bairden, Police Scotland

**Committee Clerk:**

Ms J Totney, Team Manager – Democratic and Licensing  
Ms M Scott, Committees Officer

**Apologies:**

Councillor F Dugdale

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

**1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**  
**East Lothian Licensing Board, 25 August 2022**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**2. GRANT OF PROVISIONAL LICENCE**  
**a. Winton Brewery Tap Room, Unit 10/11 Station Yard, Hospital Road, Haddington**

The application sought a provisional premises licence to sell alcohol for consumption on premises between 4pm-11pm Monday-Thursday and 12pm-11pm Friday-Sunday. This would also include the sale of alcohol for consumption off premises between 10am-6pm Monday-Thursday and 10am-10pm Friday-Sunday.

David Mackinnon and Steven Holligan, applicants, were present to speak to the application. They reported that the Tap Room had been operating on occasional licences since June 2022 and they hoped to move to a provisional licence and later a full premises licence. Mr Mackinnon and Mr Holligan employed two locals as staff and had local musicians playing each month. The bar was an American concept of a brewery tap room, which was inviting to families and offered a relaxed atmosphere.

Karen Harling, Licensing Standards Officer (LSO), had worked extensively with Mr Mackinnon and Mr Holligan and found them to be both professional and competent. She added that the applicants had liaised with her in regards to the provisional premises licence, their occasional licence use, and also in relation to their premises in Dunbar. There had been no complaints or incidents regarding the premises since it began operating. Ms Harling explained she had spoken with Mr Mackinnon and Mr Holligan regarding deliveries of alcohol from their brewery, and they had confirmed they were aware of the policy and their responsibility to ensure challenge 25 checks are completed. Ms Harling made two recommendations in her report: that the outside drinking and seating area close by 22:00 each day; and that there be no amplified announcements, music, or entertainment in the outdoor area.

PC Graeme Bairden agreed with the LSO report and added that no issues had been raised regarding the premises. PC Bairden also supported the LSO's recommendations and had no objections to the application.

Councillor McMillian was pleased to see the application going ahead and that the premises were so well run. He knew from friends that the Tap Room had been accepted in the area and hoped it would become a permanent fixture. He advised the applicants to keep in touch with police and licensing staff. He was happy to grant the application.

Councillor McGuire echoed Councillor McMillian's comments. He had had a fabulous experience when visiting the Tap Room himself, and was happy to grant the application. Councillor Bruce also echoed Councillor McMillian's comments and was pleased to see something like the Tap Room being introduced in East Lothian.

The Clerk of the Board explained that members would vote to approve the application and if they were happy to accept the conditions of the LSO report.

The Convener moved to a roll call vote and the application was granted unanimously, including conditions highlighted in the LSO report.

**Decision**

The application was granted unanimously.

Signed .....

Councillor L Bruce  
Convener of East Lothian Licensing Board