

Fife Licensing Forum – Blended Meeting

Committee Room 3 (FHM05.003), 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes



Thursday, 22 May 2025 - 2.00 p.m.

AGENDA

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1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTE** – minute of the meeting of the Fife Licensing Forum of 20 February 2025. 2 – 5
3. **POLICE REPORT** – verbal update by the Licensing Sergeant, Police Scotland, Fife Division.
4. **LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS UPDATE** – verbal update by the Lead Officer, Environmental Health (Public Protection).
5. **UPDATES FROM FIFE LICENSING BOARD** – minutes of meeting of Fife Licensing Board of 21 April 2025. 6 – 21
6. **ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND - EFOCUS NEWSLETTERS** – newsletters to be accessed via the Alcohol Focus website: <https://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/>
7. **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –**
 - joint meeting of Fife Licensing Forum and Fife Licensing Board, June 2025 - to be confirmed;
 - next Fife Licensing Forum meeting - 28 August 2025 at 2.00 pm (blended meeting), Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE LICENSING FORUM – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

20 February 2025

2.00 pm – 3.05 pm

ATTENDING: Gregor Hannah (Convener – Premises/Personal Licence holder), Stuart Allan (Police Scotland) (for Neil Ewing), Ewan Brown (Premises Licence holder), Clare Campbell (NHS Fife – Public Health Scientist), Izzy Corbin (Resident – St Andrews), Dr Esther Curnock (Public Health, NHS Fife), Morag Douglas (Premises Licence holder), Douglas Hardaker (Lead Officer, Environmental Health, Public Protection), Peter Reid (Fife Resident), Rebecca Shovlin (Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership), James Torrance (Premises Licence holder), Jo Worrall (Twist Training/Licensing Training), Sarah Crawford (Resident/Chairperson, CAMRA – The Campaign for Real Ale).

ALSO ATTENDING: Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Gillian Dewar (Social Work, Fife Council), Jeff Ellis (Premises/Personal Licence holder), Neil Ewing, Licensing Sergeant (Police Scotland), Paul Smith (Premises/Personal Licence holder).

62. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced newly appointed member, Sarah Crawford, Chairperson, Kingdom of Fife Branch CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale) and noted apologies for absence.

63. CONVENER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Forum considered the Convener's annual report providing an overview of the work of the Forum over the past year, including alcohol deliveries; volume of applications considered by the Fife Licensing Board; business rate increases; duty increases; reduction of licensed premises in Fife; alcohol-related deaths; and minimum unit pricing. Some discussion followed with members expressing varying opinions on the matters presented in the report.

Decision

The Forum noted the report.

64. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

In accordance with the constitution, nominations were sought for the appointment of the Convener for this year - April 2025 to March 2026.

Decision

As no nominations were received, the Forum members present agreed to reappoint Gregor Hannah for a further year to April 2026. Gregor accepted the appointment.

65. REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Decision

The Forum noted that:-

- (1) membership numbers were now at the maximum of 18 according to its constitution; and
- (2) Catherine Chudleigh (Consultant, Public Health, NHS Fife) would be returning as a member of the Forum for its next meeting, at which time, Dr Curnock would stand down as her substitute.

66. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 24 NOVEMBER 2024

The Forum considered the minute of the meeting of the Fife Licensing Forum on 21 November 2024.

Decision

The Forum approved the minute.

67. JOINT LETTER TO MINISTER FOR HEALTH, SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT RE MANDATORY TRAINING FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS/HEALTH'S ADDITIONAL NARRATIVE

The Forum considered the draft letter to the Scottish Government relating to mandatory training for drivers delivering alcohol to members of the public, agreed by the Fife Licensing Board for joint signing by the Board and the Forum.

Decision

The Forum:-

- (1) agreed, with a majority of 12 votes out of a possible 18 votes, to jointly sign the letter with the Board, subject to: a minor amendment to paragraph three to read: '...it recognises legal concerns about the ability to insist on such training ...'; correction of typographical errors; and an update to the recipient address which was now out of date; and
- (2) acknowledged that the suggested additions from Public Health and ADP at agenda item 6 (b), would be directed to the relevant recipients separately.

68. POLICE REPORT

Inspector Stuart Allan, on behalf of Neil Ewing, Licensing Sergeant provided an update on Police activity since the last meeting of the Forum (which had been circulated separately), including joint Police/LSO visits to premises relating to underage sales, proxy sales, issues with management where advice had been given (for which Police Scotland would be submitting a review to the Board); sale of illegal/counterfeit vapes; Fife Pub Watch schemes; and Best Bar None awards.

Decision

The Forum noted the update.

69. LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS UPDATE

Douglas Hardaker (Lead Officer, Environmental Health - Public Protection) provided a verbal update on LSO activity/concerns, including: live music complaints; a revoked licence of a takeaway selling alcohol; perceived lack of appropriate training for bar staff; and concerns about a lack of comprehensive records of training undertaken by bar staff, although training for individual licence holders appeared to be kept up to date.

Decision

The Forum noted the update.

70. UPDATES FROM FIFE LICENSING BOARD

The Forum considered the minutes of meetings of the Fife Licensing Board of 2 December 2024 and 3 February 2025.

Decision

The Forum:-

- (1) noted the minutes; and
- (2) acknowledged that several licence applications had been granted with 'delivery conditions', however, as these conditions were not legally enforceable, the applicant could ask that they be removed and Police Scotland would likely not object.

71. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Forum considered the dates for the meetings in 2025. Forum meeting appointments had previously been issued by the Committee Officer and meetings could be attended either in person or remotely.

Decision

The Forum:-

- (1) agreed the meetings for the remainder of this year on 22 May, 28 August and 27 November (Thursday at 2.00 pm, Fife House); and

- (2) noted that the provisional date for the joint meeting with the Fife Licensing Board, provisionally scheduled for 24 April 2025, was to be confirmed subject to the Board's agreement and there being a quorum of members available from both the Forum and the Board to attend.

72. ALCOHOL FOCUS SCOTLAND - EFOCUS NEWSLETTERS

Decision

The Forum noted the eFocus newsletters which could be accessed directly through the Alcohol Focus Scotland website from the link provided on the agenda front cover - <https://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/> .

73. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There being no other competent business, the meeting came to a close.

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MEETING, 21 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM IN , COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIFE HOUSE, NORTH STREET, GLENROTHES, FIFE, KY7 5LT

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Provisional(s)

Lic No	Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Decision
FLB 1485	COSTCUTTER 1 MORAY WAY NORTH DALGETY BAY FIFE KY11 9NH	THIVAGAR M ALGARARETHNAM C/O MCKENZIES 26 EAST FERGUS PLACE KIRKCALDY FIFE KY1 1XT	10 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 1483	COWDENBEATH SERVICE STATION BROAD STREET COWDENBEATH FIFE KY4 8HQ	GROVE RETAIL LIMITED C/O BRUNTON MILLER SOLICITORS 22 HERBERT STREET GLASGOW G20 6NB	1 November 2024	Granted unanimous

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FLB 1484	KINKELL BYRE KINKELL FARM KINKELL ST ANDREWS FIFE KY16 8PN	KINKELL BYRE LIMITED C/O HASSARD LICENSING LTD 5 SOUTH CHARLOTTE STREET EDINBURGH EH2 4AN	5 December 2024	Continued until 23 June 2025
FLB 1486	WEDDING VENUE PRATIS FARM MONTRAVE KENNOWAY FIFE KY8 5NX	2G EVENTS LTD C/O GILSON GRAY LLP BLENHEIM HOUSE BLENHEIM PLACE ABERDEEN AB25 2DZ	16 December 2024	Continued until 23 June 2025

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FLB 1492	CAFE VERDE 253A HIGH STREET BURNTISLAND FIFE KY3 9AQ	CAFE VERDE LTD C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	13 January 2025	Granted unanimous
FLB 1488	DAY TODAY 27 - 29 PENTLAND PLACE KIRKCALDY FIFE KY2 6AG	ADEEL AHMAD C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	18 February 2025	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions

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FLB 1491	IBITS STORE 97 VICTORIA ROAD KIRKCALDY FIFE KY1 1BS	IBITS H LTD C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	16 March 2025	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 1489	KEystore 24 COTBURN CRESCENT BURNTISLAND FIFE KY3 9JE	SARITAS PRIVATE LTD C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	18 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions Operating plan changed off sales till 2100 hrs Monday to Saturday and till 2000 hrs on a Sunday

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FLB 1487	SHOP LOCAL 319 HIGH STREET COWDENBEATH FIFE KY4 9QJ	SIVA SUTHAKARAN C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	17 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 1490	THE FISH HOOSE 69 MAIN STREET THORNTON KIRKCALDY FIFE KY1 4AQ	SIVA SUTHAKARAN C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	18 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions

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FLB 452	TARIQ LICENSED GROCER 75 ANDERSON DRIVE LESLIE GLENROTHES FIFE KY6 3LF	SRJ CONVENIENCE LIMITED C/O GNE CONSULTANCY LTD 47 WALLACE BRAE DRIVE REDDINGMUIRHEAD FALKIRK FK2 0FB	10 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 1215	ALDI STORE SOUTH ROAD CUPAR FIFE KY15 5JE	ALDI STORES LIMITED C/O TLT SOLICITORS CADWORKS FLOOR 9 WEST CAMPBELL STREET GLASGOW G2 6SE	15 November 2024	Granted unanimous

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FLB 1231	ALDI STENHOUSE STREET COWDENBEATH FIFE KY4 9DG	ALDI STORES LIMITED C/O TLT LLP CADWORKS FLOOR 9 41 WEST CAMPBELL STREET GLASGOW G2 6SE	12 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 859	CHARLETON GOLF CLUBHOUSE CHARLETON ESTATE COLINSBURGH LEVEN FIFE KY9 1HG	CARL MICHAEL BONDE	15 January 2025	Granted unanimous

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FLB 260	CO-OP SHAMROCK STREET 80 TOWNHILL ROAD DUNFERMLINE FIFE KY12 0JH	CO-OPERATIVE GROUP FOOD LIMITED C/O HILL BROWN LICENSING THE FORSYTH BUILDING 5 RENFIELD STREET GLASGOW G2 5EZ	21 November 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 753	CO-OP 7 HIGH STREET CRAIL ANSTRUTHER FIFE KY10 3TA	CO-OPERATIVE GROUP FOOD LIMITED C/O HILL BROWN LICENSING THE FORSYTH BUILDING 5 RENFIELD STREET GLASGOW G2 5EZ	21 November 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions

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FLB 1436	FIB WHISKY LTD UNIT 11 CARBERRRY PLACE MITCHELSTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE KIRKCALDY FIFE KY1 3NQ	FIB WHISKY LTD C/O YOUNG & PARTNERS 1 GEORGE SQUARE CASTLE BRAE DUNFERMLINE FIFE KY11 8QF	12 December 2024	Granted unanimous
FLB 513	IMPERIAL BAR 9 ST CATHERINE STREET CUPAR FIFE KY15 4LS	STAR PUBS & BARS LIMITED C/O FLINT BISHOP PINNACLE BUILDING 2 PROSPECT PLACE DERBY DE24 8HG	2 February 2025	Granted unanimous

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FLB 740	LESLIE BOWLING CLUB MORSHEAD PLACE LESLIE GLENROTHES FIFE KY6 3AH	LESLIE BOWLING CLUB	31 December 2024	Continued until 23 June 2025
FLB 789	LUNDIN GOLF CLUB GOLF ROAD LUNDIN LINKS LEVEN FIFE KY8 6BA	LUNDIN GOLF CLUB	4 December 2024	Granted unanimous

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FLB 476	MORRISONS DAILY 6 CHEMISS ROAD METHILHILL LEVEN FIFE KY8 2BP	ALLIANCE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LTD C/O GOSSCHALKS LICENSING DEPARTMENT 61 QUEENS GARDENS HULL HU1 3DZ	19 November 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions
FLB 1135	NISA BALLINGRY 1 BENARTY SQUARE BALLINGRY LOCHGELLY FIFE KY5 8NR	MUKHTAR PARTNERSHIP, T/A NISA LOCAL C/O ANDERSONS LLP 40 HIGH STREET KINROSS KY13 8AN	17 March 2025	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions

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FLB 1362	PREMIER HILLEN ROAD LTD 4 HILLEN ROAD INVERKEITHING FIFE KY11 1BF	NABILA IRSHAD	18 December 2024	Continued un til 23 June 2025
FLB 885	USAVE CONVENIENCE STORE 129 BROAD STREET COWDENBEATH FIFE KY4 8JS	AQSA RAZA	20 December 2024	Granted unanimous with delivery conditions

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FLB 058	AULD INN 30 MAIN STREET COLINSBURGH LEVEN FIFE KY9 1LS	FIFE LICENSING BOARD	17 March 2025	Grounds for review established Licence revoked
FLB 1426	INVERKEITHING CONVENIENCE STORE 14A DEAS ROAD INVERKEITHING FIFE KY11 1BL	FIFE LICENSING BOARD	17 March 2025	Grounds for review established Licence revoked

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FLB 343	RUMOUR CAFE BAR 19 KIRK WYND KIRKCALDY FIFE KY1 1EH	FIFE LICENSING BOARD	17 March 2025	Grounds for review established No further action
FLB 637	SMUGGLERS INN 14 HARBOUR PLACE BURNTISLAND KIRKCALDY FIFE KY3 9DP	FIFE LICENSING BOARD	17 March 2025	Grounds for review established Licence revoked

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FI 4837	MICHAEL SPICE	CHIEF CONSTABLE	14 March 2025	Non appearance by the applicant Continued to 23 June 2025
FI 6818	ANTOINETTE GALLOWAY	CHIEF CONSTABLE	11 March 2025	Non appearance by the applicant Grounds for review established Licence revoked
FI 6705	LORRAINE PATRICIA LANG	CHIEF CONSTABLE	30 December 2024	Grounds for review established Licence endorsed
FI 6184	PESHRAW KHALED OMAR	CHIEF CONSTABLE	22 January 2025	Non appearance by the applicant. Grounds for review established Licence revoked

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Lic No	Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Decision
FI 5477	MANEEB A JAVAID	CHIEF CONSTABLE	8 April 2025	Licence surrendered prior to board hearing