

Minute

Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board

Thursday, 21 August 2025, 15:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Duncan A Tullock, Kristopher D Leask, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, Rachael A King and Owen Tierney.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Gwenda M Shearer.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell.

In Attendance

Orkney Islands Council:

- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Lillian Rendall, Legal Clerk.
- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.

Police Scotland:

- Sergeant Eric Bruce.

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Police Scotland:

- Sergeant Sarah Paterson (for Item 2).

Observing

- Susan Taylor, Committees Officer.

Not Present

- Steven B Heddle.

Declaration of Interest

- Gwenda M Shearer – Item 2.

Chair

- Duncan A Tullock, Convener.

1. Draft Minute of Meeting held on 3 July 2025

After consideration of the draft Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board held on 3 July 2025, copies of which had been circulated, the Board:

Resolved, on the motion of Duncan A Tullock, seconded by Kristopher D Leask, that the Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board held on 3 July 2025 be approved as a true record.

2. Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Sharon Craigie – Pomona Inn, Finstown

Gwenda M Shearer declared an interest in this item, her connection being that the applicant was known to her, and was not present during discussion thereof.

Sharon Craigie, applicant, and David Craigie, supporting the applicant, were present during discussion of this item.

After consideration of a report by the Clerk to the Board, copies of which had been circulated, the Board:

Noted:

2.1. That a premises licence had been held at Pomona Inn, Finstown, since 22 August 2024, by Sharon Craigie.

2.2. That, on 18 June 2025, Sharon Craigie submitted an application for a variation of the premises licences in respect of Pomona Inn, Finstown, which sought the following:

- Increase in the extent of the premises by inclusion of an outdoor drinking and seating area.
- Increase in areas accessible by children and young persons with the inclusion of the outdoor drinking and seating area.

2.3. That Police Scotland had submitted a representation, dated 10 July 2025, in relation to the application from Sharon Craigie for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Pomona Inn, Finstown.

After hearing representations from David Craigie, in support of the application from Sharon Craigie, for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Pomona Inn, Finstown, and from Sergeants Sarah Paterson and Eric Bruce, Police Scotland, in respect of the representations submitted by Police Scotland, on the motion of Owen Tierney, seconded by Kristopher D Leask, the Board:

Resolved:

2.4. That the application from Sharon Craigie for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Pomona Inn, Finstown, be granted as follows:

- Increase in the extent of the premises by inclusion of an outdoor drinking and seating area, as shown in the layout plan attached to the application, subject to the condition that no alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks shall be consumed in any outdoor drinking area after 22:00.
- Increase in areas accessible by children and young persons with the inclusion of the outdoor drinking and seating area.

The Board noted:

2.5. That Sharon Craigie would be requested to provide an amended operating plan in respect of the Pomona Inn, Finstown, reflecting the decision outlined at paragraph 2.4 above.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:30 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.