

Minute

Licensing Committee

Thursday, 30 April 2026, 15:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

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

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Gwenda M Shearer,

Clerk

- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Corporate Governance.
- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Lillian Rendall, Legal Clerk.
- Lindsay Whitten, Licensing Officer.

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Police Scotland:

- Sergeant Sarah Paterson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

1. Application for Renewal of Late Hours Catering Licence

Tesco Store – 18 Pickaquoy Road, Kirkwall

Hardish Purewal, Senior UK Licensing Manager, Tesco, representing the applicant, Tesco Stores Limited and Stuart Macleod, was present, via Microsoft Teams, during consideration of this item.

After consideration of a report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Legal Services), the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. That, on 12 February 2026, Tesco Stores Limited and Stuart Macleod submitted an application for renewal of a late hours catering licence in respect of the Tesco Store, 18 Pickaquoy Road, Kirkwall, for a period of three years, which requested the following late hours catering trading hours:

- 23:00 to 24:00 Mondays to Saturdays during January to November inclusive each year.
- 23:00 to 05:00 on 19/20 to 23/24 December inclusive each year.
- 23:00 to 24:00 Mondays to Saturdays on the remaining trading days during December each year.

1.2. That the operating hours requested between 19/20 and 23/24 December inclusive each year, as outlined in paragraph 1.1 above were outwith Council policy.

1.3. That no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application from Tesco Stores Limited and Stuart Macleod for renewal of a late hours catering licence in respect of the Tesco Store, 18 Pickaquoy Road, Kirkwall.

After hearing representations from Hardish Purewal in support of the application from Tesco Stores Limited and Stuart Macleod, for renewal of a late hours catering licence in respect of the Tesco Store, 18 Pickaquoy Road, Kirkwall, on the motion of Councillor David Dawson, seconded by Councillor Alexander G Cowie, the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

1.4. That the application from Tesco Stores Limited and Stuart Macleod for renewal of late hours catering licence in respect of the Tesco Store, 18 Pickaquoy Road, Kirkwall, be granted for a period of three years, subject to the Council's standard conditions, and with the following operating hours:

- 23:00 to 24:00 Mondays to Saturdays during January to November inclusive each year.
- 23:00 to 05:00 on 19/20 to 23/24 December inclusive each year.
- 23:00 to 24:00 Mondays to Saturdays on the remaining trading days during December each year.

2. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor Duncan A Tullock, seconded by Councillor Kristopher D Leask, the Committee resolved that the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, as the business to be considered involved the disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

3. Application for Renewal of Taxi and Private Hire Booking Office Licence

The applicant's representative was present during consideration of this item.

The objector was present during discussion of this item.

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Legal Services), the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers, what action should be taken with regard to an application for renewal of a taxi and private hire booking office licence.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

4. Taxi Driver's Licence

The licence holder was present during consideration of this item.

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Legal Services), the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers, what action should be taken with regard to a taxi driver's licence.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

5. Taxi Operator's Licences

Representatives of the licence holder were present during consideration of this item, both in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Legal Services), the Committee **suspended Standing Orders** in order to continue the meeting beyond 17:00.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, what action should be taken with regard to various taxi operator's licences.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

Councillor Owen Tierney left the meeting during discussion of this item.

6. Application for Grant of Taxi Operator's Licence

Representatives of the applicant were present during consideration of this item, both in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, what action should be taken with regard to an application for grant of a taxi operator's licence.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

7. Conclusion of Meeting

At 17:07 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.