

Minute

Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board

Thursday, 30 April 2026, 14:45.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

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)

Gwenda M Shearer.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell.

In Attendance

Orkney Islands Council:

- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- David Bowden, Licensing Standards Officer.
- Lillian Rendall, Legal Clerk.
- Lindsay Whitten, Licensing Officer.
- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Police Scotland:

- Sergeant Sarah Paterson.

Declaration of Interest

- Gwenda M Shearer – Item 4.

Chair

- Duncan A Tullock, Convener.

1. Draft Minute of Meeting held on 5 March 2026

After consideration of the draft Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board held on 5 March 2026, copies of which had been circulated, the Board:

Resolved, on the motion of Duncan A Tullock, seconded by Kristopher D Leask, to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board held on 5 March 2026 as a true record.

2. Application for Provisional Premises Licence

Richan Entertainment Ltd – The Richan, West End Guest House, 14 Main Street, Kirkwall

Liam Robertson and Nicky Bichan, representing the applicant, Richan Entertainment Ltd, were present during consideration 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, on 26 February 2026, Richan Entertainment Ltd submitted an application for a provisional premises licence, in respect of The Richan, West End Guest House, 14 Main Street, Kirkwall, which requested the following:

- Premises description – purpose-built bar/restaurant within existing guesthouse (former hotel), with separate external access and beer garden.
- On-sale operating hours:
 - 11:00 to 24:00 on Mondays to Thursdays inclusive.
 - 11:00 to 01:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.
 - 12:00 to 24:00 on Sundays.
- Seasonal variations to on-sale operating hours as follows:
 - Christmas and New Year Festivities – terminal hour of 01:00 on 24/25 December to 2/3 January inclusive.
 - Private Functions – terminal hour of 01:00 at any time.
 - Outdoor drinking area to be closed to customers at 22:00 other than for access to the bar and restaurant.
- Activities including restaurant facilities, bar meals, receptions (for example weddings, funerals, birthdays and retirements), club or other group meetings, recorded music, live performances, indoor/outdoor sports, televised sport, outdoor drinking facilities and quiz nights.
- On-sale capacity of 68 persons.
- Children and young persons to be permitted on the premises until 22:00 on Mondays to Sundays inclusive and until the terminal hour of 01:00 for private functions only. Children and young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

2.2. That the on-sale operating hours requested above fell within the range of hours permitted in terms of the Board's Statement of Alcohol Licensing Policy.

2.3. That no objections or representations had been received in respect of the application from Richan Entertainment Ltd for a provisional premises licence in respect of The Richan, West End Guest House, 14 Main Street, Kirkwall.

After hearing representations from Liam Robertson in support of the application from Richan Entertainment Ltd for a provisional premises licence in respect of The Richan, West End Guest House, 14 Main Street, Kirkwall, the Board:

Resolved:

2.4. That the application from Richan Entertainment Ltd for a provisional premises licence in respect of The Richan, West End Guest House, 14 Main Street, Kirkwall, be granted as follows:

- Premises description – purpose-built bar/restaurant within existing guesthouse (former hotel), with separate external access and beer garden.
- On-sale operating hours:
 - 11:00 to 24:00 on Mondays to Thursdays inclusive.
 - 11:00 to 01:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.
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- Seasonal variations to on-sale hours:
 - Christmas and New Year Festivities – terminal hour of 01:00 on 24/25 December to 2/3 January inclusive.
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- Activities including restaurant facilities, bar meals, receptions (for example weddings, funerals, birthdays and retirements), club or other group meetings, recorded music, live performances, indoor/outdoor sports, televised sport, outdoor drinking facilities and quiz nights.
- On-sale capacity of 68 persons.
- Children and young persons to be permitted on the premises until 22:00 on Mondays to Sundays inclusive and until the terminal hour of 01:00 for private functions only. Children and young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

3. Application for Variation of Premises Licence

BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd – Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness

Theresa Sinclair, representing the applicant, BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd, was present during consideration of this item.

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

Noted:

3.1. That a premises licence had been held at Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness, since 1 September 2009 by a number of licence holders and since 22 March 2024 by BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd.

3.2. That, on 9 February 2026, BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd submitted an application for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness, which sought that young persons of 16 and 17 years, when part of a league darts or pool team and accompanied by adults, be permitted access on the premises for the duration of the league games.

3.3. That, on 9 March 2026, Police Scotland had submitted a representation, attached as Appendix 2 to the report by the Clerk to the Board, in respect of the application from BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness.

3.4. That, on 12 March 2026, NHS Orkney Public Health had submitted an email confirming support of the conditions suggested by Police Scotland within their representation of 9 March 2026.

After hearing representations from Theresa Sinclair, in support of the application from BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness, and from Police Scotland, in support of their representation, David Dawson, seconded by Steven B Heddle, moved that the application from BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness, be granted as follows:

- That young persons of 16 and 17 years, when part of a league darts or pool team and accompanied by adults, be permitted access on the premises for the duration of the league games, subject to the following conditions:
 - Children and young people should not sit or remain at any bar counter at any time (including during private functions).
 - During competitions where 16 and 17 years old are in attendance all reasonable efforts should be taken to ensure that patrons remain seated when consuming alcoholic drinks.
 - Young persons of 16 and 17 years old attending the premises to take part in pool and darts league games for the duration of the competitions are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Rachael A King, moved an amendment that the application from BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness, be granted as follows:

- That young persons of 16 and 17 years, when part of a league darts or pool team and accompanied by adults, be permitted access on the premises for the duration of the league games, subject to the following conditions:
 - Children and young people should not sit or remain at any bar counter at any time (including during private functions).

- Young persons of 16 and 17 years old attending the premises to take part in pool and darts league games for the duration of the competitions are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

On a vote being taken 3 members voted for the amendment, and 5 for the motion.

The motion was therefore carried, and the Board thereafter resolved:

3.5. That the application from BDS Plant Hire (Orkney) Ltd for a variation of the premises licence in respect of the Standing Stones Hotel, Stenness, be granted as follows:

- That young persons of 16 and 17 years, when part of a league darts or pool team and accompanied by adults, be permitted access on the premises for the duration of the league games, subject to the following conditions:
 - Children and young people should not sit or remain at any bar counter at any time (including during private functions).
 - During competitions where 16 and 17 years old are in attendance all reasonable efforts should be taken to ensure that patrons remain seated when consuming alcoholic drinks.
 - Young persons of 16 and 17 years old attending the premises to take part in pool and darts league games for the duration of the competitions are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

4. Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Kirkjuvagr Limited – Rapture, 14 Bridge Street, Kirkwall

David Cromarty, representing the applicant, Kirkjuvagr Limited, was present during consideration of this item.

Gwenda M Shearer declared an interest in this item, in that a Director of the applicant company was a close family member, and was not 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:

4.1. That a premises licence had been held at Rapture, 14 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, since 23 July 2025, by Kirkjuvagr Limited.

4.2. That, on 26 February 2026, Kirkjuvagr Limited submitted an application for a variation of the premises licences in respect of Rapture, 14 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, which sought the inclusion of the activity of televised sport.

4.3. That no objections or representations had been received in relation to the application from Kirkjuvagr Limited for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Rapture, 14 Bridge Street, Kirkwall.

After hearing representations from David Cromarty in support of the application from Kirkjuvagr Limited for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Rapture, 14 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, on the motion of Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Alexander G Cowie, the Board:

Resolved:

4.4. That the application from Kirkjuvagr Limited for a variation of the premises licence in respect of Rapture, 14 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, be granted as follows:

- The inclusion of the activity of televised sport.

5. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:40 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.