

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING of the **ANGUS LICENSING BOARD** held in Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 20 June 2024 at 10am.

Present: Councillors GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, KENNY BRAES, LINDA CLARK, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, JILL SCOTT and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor MEECHAN, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the business the Convener, on behalf of the Board, advised that he was incredibly saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Janet Hood, Licensing Specialist who had only a few days prior attended a meeting of the Board in her usual upbeat happy and professional self. He advised that it was always a pleasure to have her attend the Board and her absolute respect for the Board, resolute duty to her clients and considerable experience and knowledge was testament to her as a professional and a person.

Her absence would be felt enormously not only by the Board members, her profession, and clients but also by her close friends and family who knew her the best. Whilst she had always referred to Board members as “your honours” the Convener advised that it was their honour knowing her and offered their sincere condolences to her friends and family.

Councillor Fotheringham also paid tribute to Janet and spoke of his privilege knowing her over the many years as a friend and colleague and advised that she would be sorely missed.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ross Greig and Gavin Nicol.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR AN OCCASIONAL LICENCE – MORRIATTIS, LOCHLANDS STREET, ARBROATH

There was submitted Report No LB 25/24 by the Clerk presenting nine applications for an occasional licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which required to be determined by the Board, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report.

(a) Morriattis, Lochlands Street, Arbroath (formally Buicks Lounge Bar)

The Board considered nine applications from Malcolm Taylor requesting occasional licences in respect of Morriattis, Lochlands Street, Arbroath from 18 June until 21 October 2024 inclusive for on sale hours only for the following hours: -

Sunday – Thursday 1100 – Midnight
Friday & Saturday 1100 to Saturday & Sunday 0100 (respectively).

There was also submitted to members, six letters of objection for consideration.

Mr Findlay, a representative for the applicant was present and addressed the Board and advised that they were busy renovating the premises at present and would be applying for a premises licence in the near future. He also addressed the concerns of the local residents.

Following discussion, Councillor Durno suggested that the application be amended from 1am to Midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Mr Findlay agreed that he was happy to amend the nine applications accordingly.

The Board agreed that the nine occasional licence applications be approved for the hours Monday to Sunday 11am – Midnight between 18 June until 21 October 2024 subject to the mandatory and local conditions.