

Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Thursday 24 August 2017 at 10am

Present:

M Bell
A Cooper
C Hughson
I Scott
C Smith
G Smith
B Wishart

Apologies:

S Leask

In Attendance (Officers):

K Adam, Solicitor
P Dinsdale, Licensing Standards Officer
Insp. Livitt, Police Scotland
L Malcolmson, Committee Officer

Chairperson

Mr I Scott, Convener to the Board, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

None

1. Application under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

1.	<u>Application for Variation other than a Minor Variation of Premises Licence</u>	<u>Decision</u>
(a)	<p><u>Monterey Jacks Lerwick Ltd</u></p> <p>The Solicitor introduced the application and set out the variation for consideration, concerning the permission of children onto the licenced premises. Members sought clarification noting that there had been a recent application made by Monterey Jacks, and were informed that the current licence does not permit children onto the premises, without an adult, at any time.</p> <p>At the invitation of the Chair, Mr Fergie, representative of Monterey Jacks, addressed the Board. He explained that having been graded over the summer it was easy to see that the current licence is not working, as children are not allowed entry without an adult. In response to questions, Mr Fergie confirmed that the new arrangements would be monitored by the Manager, who has responsibility for ensuring that the correct licensing protocol is followed, and having had to implement different age groups in the past he was confident that, with training, this would be effective.</p>	

	<p>In response to a concern regarding the attraction this venue could have for young people, and a question on the current position in terms of underage drinking in Shetland, Insp. Livitt advised that there was not currently any issues with underage drinking in this area. However, he expressed concern in terms of how the Manager would be able to remove challenging children from the premises.</p> <p>During the discussion, some Members welcomed this venue as an opportunity for young people another place to go whilst encouraging more mature behaviours.</p> <p>Following further discussions, Mr Scott moved that the Board approve the grant of a Variation other than a Minor Variation. Mr G Smith seconded.</p> <p>Mr Bell moved, as an amendment, that the Board refuse the grant of a Variation other than a minor Variation. Mr C Smith seconded.</p> <p>Following summing up voting took place with a show of hands and the result was as follows:</p> <p>Amendment (Mr Bell) 2 Motion (Mr Scott) 5</p> <p>Mr Scott thanked the representative for attending the meeting.</p>	
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2. **Gambling Act 2005 – Three Year Policy Statement – 2016/19**

The Board considered a paper by the Depute Clerk to the Board, which presented the Three Year Policy Statement, under the Gambling Act, for approval.

The Solicitor introduced the report who advised that, if approved, the Policy Statement would be in place from today, for the next three years.

Mr Cooper moved that the Board approve the recommendations contained in the report. Mr Bell seconded.

The Board noted the concern that no responses had been received, during this consultation.

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

Convener