

**Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Monday 26 February 2018 at 10 a.m.**

Present:

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

Apologies:

A Cooper
S Leask

In Attendance (Officers):

K Adam, Solicitor
P Dinsdale, Licensing Standards Officer
S Irvine, Business Support Officer
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>Applications for Occasional Licence</u>	<u>Decision</u>
(a)-(e)	<p><u>Shetland Folk Festival Society</u></p> <p>The Depute Clerk to the Board introduced the applications listed and advised on the procedures to be followed.</p> <p>The Board were advised that the Shetland Folk Festival Society Representatives were present.</p> <p>In moving that the Board approve the grant of the Occasional Licences listed, Mr C Smith said that this was a well organised event, with no reported incidents, that was well respected locally and nationally. Mr G Smith seconded.</p>	GRANTED

2. Application for a Personal Licence Holder (Section 74)

The Board considered a report by the Depute Clerk that informed of an Application for Personal Licence holder from Miss Williamson, who had a relevant conviction that required to be considered by the Board.

In introducing the report the Solicitor advised that neither the Police nor the applicant were able to attend the meeting. The Solicitor explained that the application had been brought before the

Board due to notification of convictions by the Police, which meant that the application could not be considered by Officer under delegated authority.

The Solicitor went on to read a written statement provided by Ms Williamson and a supporting reference provided by her employer. He also advised on the options open to the Board to either grant the application, or to hold a hearing.

The Chair moved that the Board approve the grant of the application for a Personal Licence, seconded by Mrs Hughson.

Mr Bell commented on the recent nature of the conviction and that to approve the grant of the application could set a precedent. He said that he would like to give the applicant the opportunity to be heard in more detail. Supporting comment was made in regard of this suggestion. Mr Bell moved, as an amendment, that the Board hold a hearing to consider the application. Ms Wishart seconded.

Following summing up for the amendment Mr Scott withdrew his motion, with the support of his seconder.

The decision of the Board therefore was to hold a hearing in respect of Ms Williamson's application for a Personal Licence Holder.

The meeting concluded at 10.20am.

Convener