

**Special Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 2pm**

Present:

M Bell A Duncan
G Smith C Smith
A Westlake

Apologies:

P Campbell A Cooper
G Robinson

In Attendance (Officers):

K Adam, Solicitor
L Gair, Committee Officer

Chairperson

Mr G Smith, Convener to the Board, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interest

None.

1. Nesting and Girsta Up Helly Aa and an extension of licensed hours for Tingwall Public Hall

The Board considered a report by the Assistant Clerk to the Board that sought to allow an extension to the licensed hours of the Tingwall Public Hall on 6 February and to shorten the period of notice required to allow objections in order that the venue could be used as an alternative to the Whiteness and Weisdale Public Hall.

The Chair thanked Members for attending the meeting at short notice. The Solicitor introduced the report and advised that due to a funeral being held at the Whiteness and Weisdale Hall, and as a mark of respect for the family, the Hall is no longer available as a venue for the Nesting and Girsta Up Helly Aa. He said that the organisers of the event found that the Tingwall Hall was able to accommodate the event and an extension to licensing hours has been requested. The Solicitor explained that this venue was not covered by the General Extension granted to specific halls in November 2015 therefore a decision of the Board is required. He further advised that in terms of the act an application should be made 10 days prior to the event to allow comment from the Police and the Licensing Standards Officer however this period can be shorted to not less than 24 hours.

A Member questioned whether there had been any objection from the Police. The Solicitor advised that once approval had been given by the Board to shorten the notice period, the Police would be asked for their comments. He said that he had given the Police advance notice that an application was being made and they had indicated that they would be able to process the application and provide the comment within the reduced timeframe. In response to a further question, the Solicitor confirmed that if objections were received another meeting of the Board may be necessary. The Chair added that as well as shortening the period for the application Members were being asked to indicate their approval of the application in principle.

Mr C Smith moved that the Board approve the recommendations contained in the report. Mr Duncan seconded.

The meeting concluded at 2.05pm.

Convener