

## Highland Council

Minutes of the **Highland Licensing Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Tuesday, 5 August 2025 at 11.00am.

The webcast of the meeting will be available within 48 hours of broadcast and will remain online for 12 months: <https://highland.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

**Present:** Dr C Birt (remote), Mr J Grafton, Mrs J Hendry, Ms L Johnston, Mr S Kennedy (Chair), Ms K Maclean, Mr D Macpherson, Mr R Stewart.

### **In Attendance:**

Ms C McArthur, Principal Solicitor, Regulatory Services  
Mr I Meredith, Solicitor, Regulatory Services  
Mr G Somers, Solicitor, Regulatory Services  
Ms M Duffy, Solicitor, Regulatory Services  
Ms A Macrae, Senior Committee Officer

### **Also Attending:**

Sergeant Paterson, Police Scotland

Item 7.1: Robert Watson (applicant)

Item 7.2: Callum Train (applicant)

Item 9.1: Maksut Tasasiz (applicant), Leslie Abrahams (applicant's representative)  
Ilknur Uzunoglu and Esra Tasasiz (applicant's daughters), Matt Logie (applicant's friend)

Item 9.2: Adam Harris (applicant), Samuel Herbert (applicant's representative), John O'Neill (objector)

The Chair confirmed that the meeting would be webcast and gave a short briefing on the Council's webcasting procedure and protocol.

## **Business**

### **1. Apologies for absence Leisgeulan**

There were apologies for absence from Mr J Bruce, Ms E Knox, Mr W Mackay, Mr K Rosie.

### **2. Declarations of interest Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Confirmation of minutes  
Dearbhadh a' Gheàrr-chunntais**

There had been submitted for confirmation as a correct record the minutes of meetings of the Committee held on 24 June 2025, the terms of which were **APPROVED**.

**4. Licences granted under delegated powers  
Ceadachdan a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/119/25 by the Principal Solicitor which detailed all Licences granted under delegated powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in the period from 12 June to 23 July 2025.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

**4.1 Short Term Let Licences granted under delegated powers  
Ceadachd Aontaidhean Màil Geàrr-ùine Ceadachdan a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/120/25 by the Principal Solicitor which detailed all Short Term Let Licences granted under delegated powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in the period from 12 June to 23 July 2025.

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

**5. Pending applications – 3 monthly considerations  
Iarrtasan ri thighinn – beachdachaidhean 3 mìosach**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/121/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to applications which are currently pending for the grant or renewal of licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Committee **AGREED** to defer the determination of the applications, either:

(a) to allow them to be approved under delegated powers in the event that no objections/representations are received and all outstanding documentation has been received from the applicants; or

(b) to a future meeting of the Committee when the applications will be determined in terms of the Hearings Procedure.

**5.1 Short Term Let Pending applications – 3 monthly considerations  
Ceadachd Aontaidhean Màil Geàrr-ùine Iarrtasan ri thighinn –  
beachdachaidhean 3 mìosach**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/122/25 by the Principal Solicitor outlining the Short Term Let applications which are currently pending for the grant or renewal of licences under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

The Committee **AGREED** to defer the determination of the applications, either:

- (a) to allow them to be approved under delegated powers in the event that no objections/representations are received and all outstanding documentation has been received from the applicants; or
- (b) to a future meeting of the Committee when the applications will be determined in terms of the Hearings Procedure.

**6. The Committee RESOLVED that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the items 7.1 and 7.2 on the grounds they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.**

**7. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Taxi driver's / operator's licences  
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982 Ceadachdan Dhràibhearan /  
Oibrichean Tagsaidh**

**7.1 Application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence – Robert Watson**

There had been circulated to members only Report No HLC/123/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application for the grant of a taxi driver's licence (Ward 21 – Fort William and Ardnamurchan). The Committee was invited to determine this matter in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee heard from Police Scotland and Robert Watson, applicant.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the application subject to the applicant completing a right to work check and passing the taxi driver's knowledge test

**7.2 Taxi driver and taxi operator licences – Callum Train**

There had been circulated to members only Report No HLC/124/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to Callum Train who is the holder of a taxi driver and taxi operator licence (Ward 18 – Nairn and Cawdor). The Committee was invited to determine the matter in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee heard from Police Scotland and Callum Train, applicant.

The Committee **AGREED** to take no action in relation to both the taxi driver's licence and the taxi operator's licence.

However, the Committee further **AGREED** that a formal written warning be issued in connection with both licences to the licence holder warning him regarding his conduct and that any further matters would likely result in a further hearing before the Highland Licensing Committee.

**8. The Committee returned to public proceedings for the following Items.**

**9. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Short Term Let licensing  
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982 Ceadachd Aontaidhean Màil  
Geàrr-ùine**

**9.1 Application for grant of a short term let licence – Glasdair, 42 Island  
Bank Road, Inverness, IV2 4QT**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/125/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which had been received from Mr Maksut Tasasiz for the grant of a short term let licence (Ward 15 – Inverness Ness-side). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

Members were advised that a non-timeous objection had been received from Mr Tamer Tasasiz who had advised he was not present at the meeting due to offshore work commitments and requesting the application be deferred to a future meeting to afford him the opportunity to attend.

The Committee heard from the applicant's representative who submitted that the reasons given by the objector for not being in attendance did not constitute sufficient grounds to delay the determination of the application and that family members had travelled from abroad to support the applicant at the meeting.

Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** to **DEFER CONSIDERATION** of the application to the meeting of the Highland Licensing Committee on 16 September 2025 to allow the non-timeous objector a further opportunity to appear personally.

**9.2 Application for grant of a short term let licence – 13 Heather Road,  
Inverness, IV2 3DE**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/126/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which had been received from Mr Samuel Herbert of MYSTAYINN Limited, on behalf of Mr Adam Harris and Mrs Elaine Elizabeth Harris, for the grant of a short term let licence (Ward 16 – Inverness Millburn). The Committee was invited to determine the application in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee heard from Adam Harris, applicant, Samuel Herbert, applicant's representative, and John O'Neill, objector in relation to the application.

The Committee **AGREED** to **GRANT** the licence subject to the mandatory conditions and additional licence conditions.

**10. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Taxi driver's / operator's licences  
Achd Riaghaltais Chatharra (Alba) 1982 Ceadachdan Dhràibhearan /  
Oibrichean Tagsaidh**

**10.1 Taxi driver's licence – Rojob Ali**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/127/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which had been received from Rojob Ali for the grant of a taxi driver's licence (Ward 21 – Fort William and Ardnamurchan). The Committee was invited to determine the matter in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee **AGREED** to **DEFER CONSIDERATION** of the application to the meeting of the Highland Licensing Committee on 16 September 2025 to allow the applicant a further opportunity to appear personally.

**11. Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 – Part 5 Licensing of Houses in multiple  
occupation  
Achd an Taigheadais (Alba) 2006 – Pàirt 5 Ceadachd thaighean ann an  
ioma-chòmhnaidh**

**11.1 Application for the renewal of a licence for a House in Multiple  
Occupation – Unit 1 Melville House, Boat of Garten Hotel, Deshar Road,  
Boat of Garten**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/128/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which had been received from Turas Hotels Ltd for the renewal of a licence for a house in multiple occupation (Ward 20 – Badenoch and Strathspey). The Committee was invited to determine the matter in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee **NOTED** that the outstanding documentation had been provided and the licence could be granted under delegated powers.

**11.2 Application for the renewal of a licence for a House in Multiple  
Occupation – Unit 2 Melville House, Boat of Garten Hotel, Deshar Road,  
Boat of Garten**

There had been circulated Report No HLC/129/25 by the Principal Solicitor relating to an application which had been received from Turas Hotels Ltd for the renewal of a licence for a house in multiple occupation (Ward 20 – Badenoch and Strathspey). The Committee was invited to determine the matter in accordance with the Council's Hearings Procedure.

The Committee **NOTED** that the outstanding documentation had been provided and the licence could be granted under delegated powers.

The meeting ended at 1.06pm.