

Minute of the meeting of the **Highland Licensing Board** held in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness on Tuesday, 4 August 2026 at 2.00pm.

**Present:**

Mrs J Hendry (Convener), Ms E Knox, Ms K MacLean, Mr D Millar, Mr K Rosie.

**In Attendance:**

Ms C McArthur, Strategic Lead, Clerk to the Board  
Mr I Meredith, Solicitor, Depute Clerk to the Board  
Ms M Duffy, Solicitor  
Mr G Somers, Solicitor  
Mr G Cameron, Licensing Standards Officer  
Mr S Campbell, Licensing Standards Officer  
Mr E Mackinnon, Licensing Standards Officer  
Ms R Ross, Committee Officer  
Mr C Ross, Committee Officer

**Also In Attendance:**

Sergeant Paterson, Police Scotland

Item 6.1: Martin Smith, Applicant's Agent

Item 6.2: Malcolm Marshall, Applicant's Agent, Marcello Gregorovic, Premises Manager

Item 7.1: Jack Green, Applicant, Cameron Harper, Applicant

Item 8.1: Neil Robertson, Applicant, Andrew Benjamin, Applicant

Item 8.2: Rebecca Fraser, Applicant's Agent

Item 8.3: Chloe Leeman, Premises Manager

Item 8.4: Rory Lambert, Legal representative, Angela Wilson, Colleague

**Briefing on Protocol for Webcasting of Meetings**

The Convener advised the Board that the meeting would be filmed and broadcast over the internet on the Highland Council website and would be archived and available for viewing for 12 months.

**1. Apologies for Absence**  
**Leisgeulan**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Dr C Birt and Mr J Bruce.

**2. Declarations of Interest**  
**Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt.**

The Committee **NOTED** the following Declaration of Interest:-

Item 6.1: Mrs J Hendry

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Highland Licensing Board were submitted for confirmation as a correct record, which was held on 23 June 2026.

The Minutes were held as read and **APPROVED**.

**4. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Licences granted under delegated powers**  
**Achd Ceadachd (Alba) 2005**  
**Ceadachdan a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh**

There had been circulated Report No HLB/70/26 detailing Licences which had been granted under delegated powers by the Clerk to the Board during the period 11 June 2026 to 22 July 2026.

The Board **NOTED** the Report.

**5. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Occasional licences and extended hours granted under delegated powers**  
**Achd Ceadachd (Alba) 2005**  
**Ceadachdan Corra-uair agus uairean sìnte a bhuilicheadh fo ùghdarras air a thiomnadh**

There had been circulated Report No HLB/71/26 detailing Occasional Licences and Extended Hours Applications which had been granted under delegated powers by the Clerk to the Board during the period 11 June 2026 to 22 July 2026.

During the discussion, concern was expressed over the lack of information available in regard to the Portree Distillery – Isle of Skye Experimental. Officers assured Members that clarity had been sought with the relevant Council departments and this would be signposted to them again.

Thereafter, the Board **NOTED** the Report.

**6. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Applications for new premises licences**  
**Achd na Ceadachd (Alba) 2005**  
**Larrtas airson cheadachdan thogalaichean ura**

**6.1 Ref: HC/INBS/723**

**Applicant:** Cruise Loch Ness Limited, c/o Johnstone Carmichael, Clava House, Cradlehall Park, Inverness, IV2 5GH

**Premises:** Voyager of Loch Ness, Canal Side, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BD

**Type:** On and off sales

**Declaration of Interest:** Mrs J Hendry declared interest in this item as the applicant is a customer of Teclan Ltd in which she is a major shareholder of and, in accordance with paragraph 5.6 of the revised Code of Conduct, she left the meeting for this item.

Ms K MacLean took over as the Convener for this item.

There had been circulated Report No HLB/72/26 by the Clerk.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions only.

**6.2 Ref: HC/CSR/2178**

**Applicant:** Wildland Hospitality Limited, Kinrara House, Kinrara, Aviemore, PH22 1QA

**Premises:** Alba Bakery, Burrs Stores, Tongue, Lairg, IV27 4XF

**Type:** On and off sales

There had been circulated Report No HLB/73/26 by the Clerk.

During the discussion, an explanation of why the local condition was applied in this case was sought and provided.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions and local condition (m), as set out at 7.2 of the report.

**7. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Applications for provisional premises licences**  
**Achd Ceadachd (Alba) 2005**  
**Iarrtas airson ceadachdan thogalaichean le cumha**

**7.1 Ref: HC/INBS/724**

**Applicant:** Ness Golf Simulators Limited, 24 Muirtown Terrace, Inverness, IV3 8SA

**Premises:** Ness Golf Simulators, Unit 5D&E, Leys Square, Milton of Leys, Inverness, IV2 6HF

**Type:** On sales

There had been circulated Report No HLB/74/26 by the Clerk.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the provisional premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions and local condition (b) and (c), as set out at 7.2 of the report.

**8. Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Applications for variation (major) to premises licences**  
**Achd Ceadachd (Alba) 2005**  
**Iarrtasan airson Caochladh (Mòr) a thaobh ceadachdan thogalaichean**

**8.1 Ref: HC/INBS/498**

**Applicant:** Inverness Thistle and Caledonian F.C. Limited, Stadium Road, Inverness, IV1 1FF

**Premises:** Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, Stadium Road, East Longman, Inverness, IV1 1FF

**Type:** On and off sales

There had been circulated Report No HLB/75/26 by the Clerk.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the major variation to the premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions and existing local conditions.

**8.2 Ref: HC/RSL/0129**

**Applicant:** Black Sheep Management Services Limited per Twindeer Law, Lochaber Rural Complex, Torlundy, Fort William, PH33 6SQ

**Premises:** Rokeby Manor, Invergarry, PH35 4HG

**Type:** On sales

There had been circulated Report No HLB/76/26 by the Clerk.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the major variation to the premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions and existing local conditions.

**8.3 Ref: HC/RSL/1835**

**Applicant:** R & B Distillers Ltd, 23 Manor Place, Edinburgh, EH3 7DX

**Premises:** Isle of Raasay Distillery (Shop, Visitor Centre and Accommodation), Isle of Raasay, Kyle, IV40 8PB

**Type:** On and off sales

There had been circulated Report No HLB/77/26 by the Clerk.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the major variation to the premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions, existing local conditions and the special conditions 1,2 and 3, as set out at 7.3 of the report.

**8.4 Ref: HC/CSR/0414**

**Applicant:** Whyte and Mackay Limited

**Premises:** Visitor Centre, Dalmore Distillery, Dalmore, Alness

**Type:** Off Sales

There had been circulated Report No HLB/78/26 by the Clerk.

During the discussion information was sought and provided on whether the premises would have the capacity to host multiple tour groups should they overlap.

The Board **AGREED** to **GRANT** the major variation to the premises licence subject to the mandatory conditions and local condition (m), as set out at 8.2 of the report.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm.