

Licensing Committee
29 April 2026

IRVINE, 29 April 2026 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine.

Present (Physical Participation)

Eleanor Collier, Cameron Inglis, Christina Larsen, Matthew McLean, Donald L. Reid, Ronnie Stalker and Angela Stephen.

Present (Remote Participation)

Nairn Angus-McDonald

In Attendance

D. Grier, Solicitor; C. Pollock, Licensing Manager; M. Champion, Administration Officer; and D. Robertson, Enforcement Officer (Licensing) (Legal Services); and S. Wilson, Committee Services Officer (Democratic Services) (Corporate Services).

Chair

Councillor Collier in the Chair.

Apologies

John Bell.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 1 April 2026 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes:
Licensing Matters**

**3.1 Street Traders Licence : Christopher Walker and Ashley Burns -
STL/O/564**

The applicants, having been duly cited to attend, were present and addressed the Committee and responded to questions. Objectors to the application were not in attendance.

The Committee agreed to consider a late submission by an objector. The applicants had no objection to the additional documents being considered.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to determine the application.

In determining the application, the Committee had regard to the terms of the application, the objections received, and the relevant provisions of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

Councillor Stalker, seconded by Councillor Angus-McDonald, moved that the application be granted.

The Committee agreed to approve the amendment of the licence conditions to extend the permitted trading duration from 20 minutes to 90 minutes across North Ayrshire, and to permit trading for up to 3 hours on Saturdays at Dunbia Highland Meats Car Park, Blakely Road, Saltcoats KA21 5JQ.

The Committee further agreed that the operation of the amended conditions be subject to review after a period of 6 months.

There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

3.2 Street Traders Licence : Eleonora Blagova - STL/O/568

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present and addressed the Committee and responded to questions.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to determine the application.

In determining the application, the Committee had regard to the terms of the application and the relevant provisions of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Angus-McDonald, moved that the application be granted.

There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

3.3 Late Hours Catering Licence : Arran View Restaurants Ltd (McDonalds, Stevenston) - LHCL/152

The applicants, having been duly cited to attend, were present and addressed the Committee and responded to questions.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to determine the application.

In determining the application, the Committee noted that the application sought hours out with the Council's policy and had regard to the relevant provisions of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

Councillor D.L. Reid, seconded by Councillor Stalker, moved that the application be granted.

The Committee agreed to grant the Late Hours Catering Licence for the period between 11.00pm and 5.00am.

There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

4. Review and Update of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Conditions - Update

A report by the Head of Democratic Services was submitted following the decision of 4 June 2025, providing revised draft conditions for Taxis, Taxi Drivers, Wheelchair Accessible Taxis and Private Hire Cars, together with additional information on the specific matters on which the Committee had requested further inquiry.

The Solicitor and Enforcement Officer (Legal Services) were heard in further explanation of the report and associated appendices.

Officers responded to Members' questions.

The Committee, having considered the report and associated appendices, agreed to adopt the revised licensing conditions for Taxis, Taxi Drivers, Wheelchair Accessible Taxis and Private Hire Cars, to approve the vehicle inspection guidance, to note the work undertaken by officers in developing the revised conditions and guidance, and to approve an implementation date of 11 May 2026 for the coming into force of the revised conditions and guidance.

5. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.

The full meeting proceedings can be viewed at
<https://north-ayrshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>