

**Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick  
Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 3p.m.**

**Present:**

M Bell                      S Leask  
I Scott                     C Smith  
G Smith

**Apologies:**

A Cooper                C Hughson

**In Attendance (Officers):**

K Adam, Solicitor  
D Manson, Licensing Standards 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.     Applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Application for Extension of Licensed Hours</u></b>	<b><u>Decision</u></b>
<b>(a)</b>	<p><u>Scalloway Hotel</u></p> <p>The Solicitor introduced the application and advised that the applicant was present. He advised that the application was to extend licensing hours to open at 8am and close at 11am for the specified period during the Rugby World Cup. It was noted that the Board may wish to consider whether the event is of local or national significance, but the matter could not be dealt with under delegated authority to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chair commented that the Scalloway Hotel was a well run establishment and took the view that this application was the similar to that approved for the South Mainland Up Helly Aa. Mr Scott moved that the Board approve the application for an extension of licensed hours. Mr G Smith seconded.</p> <p>Concern was expressed however that such a decision would be setting a precedent, and that similar applications may appear for the Olympics next year. Mr Bell questioned why alcohol needs to be associated with sporting events and moved as an amendment that the Board refuse the application for an extension of licensed hours. Mr Leask seconded.</p> <p>During debate, whilst recognising the points made by the</p>	<b>DECLINED</b>

	<p>amendment the Board had a duty to consider each application on its own merits and that by granting one application did not mean that the Board then had to grant all applications for similar activities. It was suggested that whilst some patrons may view the World Cup without alcohol others may wish to watch the events and enjoy a drink in a responsible manner. In terms of the motion it was noted that the venue is well stewarded and the owners would not want to affect its reputation and that the event would be run responsibly.</p> <p>Further concern however was expressed however that the application was for a period of 6 weeks which appeared excessive.</p> <p>Following summing up, voting took place with a show of hands and the results were as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Amendment (Mr Bell)</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Motion (Mr Scott)</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>The decision of the Board was that the application for an extension of licensed hours be declined.</p>	Amendment (Mr Bell)	3	Motion (Mr Scott)		
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The meeting concluded at 3.20pm.

Convener