

**MINUTES of MEETING of PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING
COMMITTEE held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024**

Present: Councillor Kieron Green (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Fiona Howard
Councillor Jan Brown	Councillor Mark Irvine
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Andrew Kain
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Peter Wallace
Councillor Graham Hardie	

Attending: Shona Barton, Governance Manager
Alison MacLeod, Licensing Standards Officer
David Walker, Solicitor
Lynn Holland, Applicant

The Chair invited the Licensing Standards Officer to speak to the terms of the report.

also dog walkers using the road to gain access to walks and footpaths. He advised that of the 29 bookings taken this year, 20 of these have brought dogs.

He also referred to an issue raised by his neighbour, Mr MacDonald, about contractors parking on his grass. He said that he had visited that same day and agreed to put up no parking signs. He advised that he also spoke to the contractor in question to ensure this did not happen again. He also advised that he contacted cottages.com to update a list of contractors they would not accept bookings from.

He advised that they always received positive comments in their visitors' book. He said this was not an Airbnb and that the minimum stay was 7 nights between April – October. He pointed out that they did not have a constant turnover of guests.

He advised that tourism was the mainstay of Tarbert's economy, with many businesses

He referred to it being recommended in the Committee report that the application be granted and said this was a commercial business taking precedence over the objections

Applicant

Mr Holland

DEBATE

Councillor Irvine referred to all the objections. He said he personally found it was not applicable in respect of the number of weeks the property was let. He did not think the issue around Covid was relevant. He advised that there appeared to be a lot of neighbour related tension as opposed to specific issues regarding the letting of the property. He said he was reassured that the owners lived nearby. He referred to the recommended conditions to address the concerns from the objectors around anti-social behaviour, privacy, littering and waste, and management of dogs. He said that there were a number of objections that needed to be disregarded, as they were not relevant for the Committee.

Councillor Kain said he disagreed with Councillor Irvine. He advised that while not directly relevant in procedural issues; the issues were relevant from a community perspective. He referred to the title deeds and suggested any new title deeds being drawn up now would now refer to this type of use being objected to. He referred to 6 neighbours objecting and noted that they all lived within the cul-de-sac. He said the Committee needed to take into account the relationships with the neighbours. He said he was not sure if the Committee could apply anything to this in that respect. He said he did not think the Committee were in a good place with these applications.

Councillor Green commented on the questions raised by the Objectors. He referred to none of the applications being refused that have come before the Committee to date. He pointed out that each application was considered in detail and debated on and in some cases additional conditions were applied to licences. He referred to discussion had today about including a condition in respect of the use of outside areas.

Councillor Green also referred 0 0 1 79.464 699.58 Tm0(5 TJET@)10(d)-3(e)-3()8(a)-3(rea)-4(s.)

Councillor Green sought comment from Members on how they felt about adding a condition with a time limit on use of the outdoor space. He suggested 9 or 10 pm.

Councillor Brown advised that she stayed in a small village and that the house across the road was a short-