4. <u>APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - MINERVA FOOD BAR, 6</u> KINGSPORT AVENUE, LIVINGSTON

Introductions were made by all parties.

The applicant Mr Franco Cortellessa was in attendance and was represented by Mr Jim Carlin, Sneddon Morrison Solicitors.

Police Scotland was represented by PC Tom White. The Licensing Standards Officer Douglas Frood was also in attendance.

The Depute Clerk referred the Board to the report on the application for a Premises Licence. The Clerk advised that there had been an objection to the application. The objector was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Depute Clerk provided legal advice to the Board regarding the contents of the objection.

Mr Carlin, PC White and Douglas Frood confirmed they had no comment to make with regard to the legal advice

The Board agreed to consider the case in the absence of the objector.

Mr Carlin made submissions to the Board in support of the application.

PC White confirmed Police Scotland had no objection to the application

Douglas Frood, LSO confirmed he had no adverse comments to make regarding the application however did highlight the section of the Board's policy with regard to the delivery of alcohol.

Mr Carlin confirmed the applicant was aware of and adhered to the policy with regard to alcohol delivery.

Councillor Heggie advised that during a site visit he noted that members of the public had no direct access to alcohol. He also raised a query about the applicant's personal licence and whether his refresher training was up to date.

Mr Carlin confirmed that the applicant was aware of the need to attend refresher training and this was being addressed.

Decision

To grant the application for a Premises Licence.