

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Application

018-0293

IN THE MATTER
AND
IN THE MATTER

the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
of an application by
Ōtorohanga Club Inc
for a special licence
pursuant to section 138 of the Act

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for a special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Ōtorohanga Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at 107 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga to any person attending the 21st Birthday for Jaymee Nikora on Friday 7 May 2021, from 6.00pm to 11.00pm.
3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) A copy of this licence with all the conditions must be displayed in a prominent place so all persons can read it and all staff must be familiar with the conditions.
 - (b) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on Friday 7 May 2021, from 6.00pm to 11.00pm.
 - (c) Alcohol may be sold or supplied to people present participating in the event this licence is issued for.
 - (d) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee on 26 March 2021 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (e) The holder of a manager's certificate shall be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold.
 - (f) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be appropriate signs detailing these restrictions at every point of sale.
 - (g) Drinking water must be freely available from the bar and this must be clear to customers while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
 - (h) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard.
 - (i) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
 - (j) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport, including sober driver services and the availability of a courtesy vehicle, must be displayed and promoted.
 - (k) The entire premises is undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Ōtorohanga Club Inc for a special licence for the 21st Birthday for Jaymee Nikora to be held at their premises on Friday 7 May 2021, from 6.00pm to 11.00pm. This application was received more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137 of the Act.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health have no objection to this application for a special licence (s 141). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
3. The purpose of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) is to put in place a new system of control over the sale and supply of alcohol (s 3). The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol

is undertaken safely and responsibly, and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4).

4. In deciding whether to grant a special licence the District Licensing Committee must have regard to the criteria in s 142 of the Act. Therefore, this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) What is the nature of the event? Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments and food?
 - b) Is the applicant suitable?
 - c) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be reduced to more than a minor extent by the effects of the issue of the licence?
 - d) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
 - e) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable? Are any areas of the premises designated restricted or supervised areas?
 - f) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law? What steps will the applicant take to ensure that alcohol is not sold to prohibited persons?
 - g) What proposals does the applicant have in relation to the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food, low-alcohol drinks and the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises?
 - h) Have the Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health raised any relevant considerations?
 - i) Does the application comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy?
5. The licensing committee may refuse a special licence even if there was no objection to the application (s 144). Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

Should a special licence be granted?

6. Approximately 60 people are expected to attend this 21st Birthday. The event will be held in a covered external courtyard. This area does not have a bar, therefore club members attending the event will purchase alcohol at the general club bar to supply to guests. Two Duty Manager's will be present on the night and one will be monitoring the birthday celebration.
7. Police do not oppose the application but have made a comment that the club needs to have a system in place to ensure that the number of 60 mentioned on the application is not exceeded, bearing in mind that parties can go viral via social media messages. The Licensing Inspector is satisfied that the club can manage this concern because entry to the club is via a swipe entry card system or buzzer for identification. Therefore, staff can easily refuse entry if numbers get out of control.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that Ōtorohanga Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. The club currently holds a club licence and has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The issue of a special licence for these events will allow the applicant to sell alcohol to non-members of the club attending the event. A Duty Manager will be present on the premises for the duration of the proposed event to ensure compliance with the Act. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
9. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Ōtorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly, and that harm caused by inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised. Given the nature of the events and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties.
11. The applicant will provide sufficient food, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will be provided.

12. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide information about alternative forms of transport from the premises, including a courtesy vehicle and taxi services and a free phone for customers to call those services.

Conclusion

13. The licensing committee is satisfied that the grant of the special licence with the appropriate conditions will ensure the safe and responsible supply of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by excessive or inappropriate use of alcohol.
14. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 23rd day of April 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Grayson', written in a cursive style.

Sara Grayson
Commissioner
Ōtorohanga District Licensing Committee