

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Application	018-0171
<u>IN THE MATTER</u>	the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
<u>AND</u> <u>IN THE MATTER</u>	of an application by Otewa School Board of Trustees 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. Otewa School Board of Trustees is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at the Otewa Hall, 929 Otewa Road, Otorohanga to any person attending the Otewa School Quiz Night.
3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on Friday 7 June 2019 between the hours of 6.00pm to 12.00 midnight.
 - (b) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on 8 May 2019 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (c) The persons nominated to manage the conduct of the sale and supply of alcohol at all times the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol are Sonja Marshall and Suzanne Wright and a sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises which identifies by name the persons responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.
 - (d) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions
 - (e) 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.
 - (f) 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.
 - (g) 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.

(h) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist is required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport from the premises must be displayed.

(i) The entire premises is undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Otewa School Board of Trustees for a special licence for their annual fundraising quiz night to be held at the Otewa Hall, 929 Otewa Road, Otorohanga. The application was filed more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137.
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 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 Otorohanga 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 the special licence be granted?

6. Approximately 150 people are expected to attend the Otewa School Fundraising quiz night. This event will also include a raffle and an auction. There will be no BYO alcohol and the attendees will be mostly adults although some minors will be present. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
7. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Otorohanga District Local Alcohol Policy.

8. The licensing committee is satisfied that Otewa School Board of Trustees is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. A School Board of Trustees is entitled to hold a special licence because it is a body corporate pursuant to section 18(1) & the Second Schedule of the School Trustees Act 1989.
9. Given the nature of the event and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The entire premises is to be undesignated. This is appropriate given that given that children are attending the event.
11. Otewa School Board of Trustees does not propose to have a certificated duty manager at this event. However, the licensing committee is satisfied that an exemption may be granted from the requirement to appoint a duty manager (s 213). This is a small/medium function where most participants will be well known to the organisers. The venue is small and able to be supervised easily. There is no BYO, therefore alcohol consumption can be controlled at the bar. Alcohol is not the main focus of the event. I am satisfied that Otewa School Board of Trustees is capable of managing it without a certificated duty manager. Four bar staff will be in attendance at the event. Sonja Marshall and Suzanne Wright will ensure that the event complies with the Act. Sonja Wright has previously held a manager's certificate and worked at Whitby Homestead, Te Awamutu, which held an on-licence. Suzanne Wright was the chairperson of the Priongia Rugby and Sports Club from 2001 to 2007 and is aware of bar management procedures. Sonja Marshall will train all bar staff in their responsibilities regarding the sale of alcohol prior to the event.
12. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will also be provided. The use of taxi services will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

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 this 23rd day of May 2019



Sara Grayson
Commissioner
District Licensing Committee