

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 16 June 2015

Agenda Item	11.2
Report No	HLB/067/15

Application for a major variation of Premises Licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Newtonmore Golf Club, Golf Course Road, Newtonmore PH20 1AY

Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Summary

This Report relates to an application for a major variation of Premises Licence by Newtonmore Golf Club, per Laurie Skuodas the Club Secretary- agent.

1.0 Description of Premises

1.1 Golf club house with licensed and catering facilities. The golf course is 18 holes.

2.0 Current Operating Hours

2.1 The premises currently enjoys the following operating hours:

On sales:

Monday to Saturday: 1100 hours to 2300 hours

Sunday: 1200 noon to 2230hours

Off sales:

None

3.0 Summary of Variation Application

3.1 Variation Sought

The applicant seeks to vary the premises licence as follows:-

(1) On Sales hours on Sundays to commence from 1130 hours.

4.0 Background

4.1 On 38 April 2015 the Licensing Board received an application for a major variation of a Premises Licence from Newtonmore Golf Club per Laurie Skuodas the Club Secretary and Roy Alexander the Club Treasurer.

- 4.2 The application was publicised during the period 20 April 2015 until 11 May 2015 and confirmation that the site notice was displayed has been received.
- 4.3 In accordance with standard procedure, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and the Council's Community Services (Environmental Health) and Planning and Building Standards were consulted on the application.
- 4.4 Notification of the application was also sent to NHS Highland and the local Community Council for Newtonmore.
- 4.5 Further to this publication and consultation process, no timeous objections or representations have been received.
- 4.6 The applicant must nevertheless be given the opportunity to be heard before the Board determines the application and has accordingly been invited to the meeting. The applicant has been advised of the hearings procedure which may also be viewed via the following link:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/428/liquor_licence_objections_appeals_notices_of_determination

5.0 Legislation

- 5.1 The Licensing Board must in considering and determining the application, consider whether any grounds of refusal apply and if none of them applies, the Board must grant the application.

Relevant grounds of refusal may be: -

1. the grant of the application will be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives;
2. having regard to (i) the nature of the activities carried on or proposed to be carried on in the subject premises, (ii) the location, character and condition of the premises, and (iii) the persons likely to frequent the premises, the Board considers the premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the proposed variation;
3. having regard to the number and capacity of licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises (taking account of the proposed variation) in the locality in which the subject premises are situated, the Board considers that, if the application were to be granted, there would, as a result, be overprovision of licensed premises or licensed premises of that description in the locality.

5.2 The Board has power either to grant the application and make a variation of the conditions to which the licence is subject or to refuse the application.

If the Board refuses the application, the Board must specify the ground for refusal and if the ground for refusal relates to a licensing objective, the Board must specify the objective in question.

6.0 Licensing Standards Officer

6.1 The LSO has provided the following comments:-

Newtonmore Golf Club is currently licensed as a Private Members Club.

The Club Premises have been inspected on a number of occasions by the LSO, they are suitable for the sale of alcohol and compliance checks have shown the staff to be diligent in observance of the requirements of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Application has been made to advance Sunday opening hours to 11.30hrs which is within Board Policy. This is to avail those golfers undertaking early morning rounds of golf of bar facilities once they finish.

Should the Board be minded to grant this application the LSO is confident that there will be no adverse impact on the Licensing Objectives.

7.0 HLB Local Policies

7.1 The following policies are relevant to the application:-

- (1) Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement 2013-16
- (2) Highland Licensing Board Equality Strategy

8.0 Conditions

8.1 Mandatory Conditions

If the application is approved the mandatory conditions set out in Schedule 3 of the Act will apply.

8.2 Local Conditions

Existing local conditions will continue to apply and no additional local conditions are considered necessary.

8.3 Special Conditions

No special conditions are considered necessary.

Recommendation

The Board is invited to determine the above application.

If the Board is minded to refuse the application, the Board must specify the ground for refusal and if the ground for refusal is in relation to a licensing objective, the Board must specify the objective in question.

Reference: HCINBS/290

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Background Papers: The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005/Application Form.