

## The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 28 November 2023

Agenda Item	6.3
Report No	HLB/126/23

### Application for the grant of a premises licence under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

**Igneous Gin Limited, Shed on the Rocks, Achnaha, Kilchoan, PH36 4LW**

#### Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

##### Summary

This report relates to an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Igneous Gin Limited, Shed on the Rocks, Achnaha, Kilchoan, PH36 4LW.

#### 1.0 Description of premises

1.1 Igneous Gin Limited is a small craft gin distillery located at Achnaha, Kilchoan, a rural location on the Ardnamurchan peninsula. The business will operate from a steel style agricultural building which will accommodate the micro gin distillery. The premises will comprise of an open warehouse area for production and storage, a botanical/bottling room, office and welfare facilities.

The premises will offer alcohol for consumption off the premises only and is not open to the general public. The premises is used purely for the production and distribution from stock, of Igneous Gin products via ecommerce and other attended events.

#### 2.0 Operating hours

2.1 The applicant seeks the following **off-sale** hours:

**On sales:**

Monday to Sunday: 1000 hours to 2200 hours

#### 3.0 Background

3.1 On 19 July 2023 the Licensing Board received an application for the grant of a premises licence from Igneous Gin Limited.

The application was accompanied by the necessary section 50 certification in terms of Planning, Building Standards and Food Hygiene, together with a Disabled Access Statement.

- 3.2 The application was publicised during the period 28 September to 19 October 2023 and confirmation that the site notice was displayed has been received.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Notification of the application was also sent to NHS Highland and the local Community Council.
- 3.5 Further to this publication and consultation process, no timeous objections or representations have been received.
- 3.6 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:

[Highland Licensing Board - Hearings](#)

#### **4.0 Legislation**

- 4.1 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 are: -

1. that the premises are excluded premises;
2. that the Board considers, having regard to the licensing objectives, that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to be the holder of a premises licence;
3. that the grant of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives;
4. that having regard to;
  - (i) the nature of the activities 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, or

5. that 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 the same or similar description as the subject premises, in the locality.

4.2 For the purposes of the Act, the licensing objectives are-

- (a) preventing crime and disorder,
- (b) securing public safety,
- (c) preventing public nuisance,
- (d) protecting and improving public health, and
- (e) protecting children and young persons from harm.

4.3 If the Board would refuse the application as made, but a modification is proposed by them and accepted by the applicant, the application can be granted as so modified.

## **5.0 Licensing Standards Officer**

5.1 The LSO has provided the following comments:-

- (i) The application is within HLB policy.
- (ii) The application is for off sales only.
- (iii) The general public are not permitted access to the premises.
- (iv) Alcohol will be sourced from stock, therefore there will be no alcohol display area within the premises.
- (v) The application complies with the licensing objectives.
- (vi) The premises have been successfully operating under occasional licence consents for a number of months to enable them to get their product "out there".
- (vii) No objections or representations have been received in connection with the application.
- (viii) The Licensing Standards Officer has no objections to this application.

## **6.0 HLB local policies**

6.1 The following policies are relevant to the application:-

- (1) Highland Licensing Board Policy Statement 2018-23
- (2) Highland Licensing Board Equality Strategy

## **7.0 Conditions**

### **7.1 Mandatory conditions**

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

### **7.2 Local conditions**

No local conditions are considered necessary.

### **7.3 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.

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