

VICTORIA HALLS, SINCLAIR STREET, HELENSBURGH, G84 8TU

LSO

Victoria Halls is a long established community hub now operated by Live Argyll. The applicant has kept in touch with and been advised by the LSO while the application has developed.

Operating Plan

Question 1: alcohol will be sold for both on and off sales (off sales for indoor market events)

Question 2: on-sales Monday to Thursday 11:00am to midnight; Friday to Sunday 11:00am to 1:00am

Question 3: off-sales 10:00am to 10:00pm seven days (in line with national allowance)

Board Policy

“Licensed hours for on-sales premises in particular can have an impact not only within the individual premises but also within the locality in which the premises are situated. Taking into account the five licensing objectives, the presumption against 24 hour drinking and the guidance for Licensing Boards and Local Authorities issued by the Scottish Executive and that mandatory conditions specified by Regulation apply to those premises opening after 1 am, the Board considers the following to be appropriate for the terminal hour beyond which alcohol must not be sold on the premises or parts of the premises:-

*Sunday to Thursday 12 midnight
Friday & Saturday 1 am”*

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board Statement of licensing policy 2013-2016: Section 8 – “Licensing Hours”

This application falls within Board policy

Question 4: no seasonal variation sought

Question 5: activities; conference, restaurant, bar meals, receptions, club/group meetings, recorded music, live performances, theatre, films, gaming, indoor sports, and televised sport.

Outdoor drinking facilities

The applicant has sought permission to utilise the front entrance area (see layout plan), in essence, the front doors, foyer, and fenced off arrival area to be used for weddings champagne and photograph sessions.

There is a no drinking by-law in force however, following the boundary as depicted on the plan would prevent this by-law being breached.

The fence and boundary wall also assists in ensuring the extent of the outside area is respected.

Board Policy

“In any outside area, whether or not applicants propose to provide outside seating, tables and other facilities (covered or otherwise), regard should be had to the need to ensure that the use of such areas will not cause disturbance or nuisance to the occupiers of premises in the vicinity.

If no significant issues are identified, the default terminal hour for outside areas will be 10 p.m. but for children and young persons will be 8 p.m. However if any significant issues are identified the Board may decide to impose an earlier terminal hour or to require the implementation of effective management controls in the interests of public order or public safety.

The Board expects an operating plan to include or exclude the use of an outside area. If included, effective management controls, supervision and other measures to ensure that the use of the area by patrons does not have a negative impact on the vicinity should be incorporated within the operating plan.

Depending on the location, nature and size of the premises, licence holders may be required to delineate the outside area by some appropriate means such as a wall, bollards, markers e.g. to distinguish between licensed premises and public areas. Conditions as determined by the Board relating to the specific circumstances of the premises will be attached to any grant; this may include the exclusion of the use of glassware within the area after a specified time each evening.”

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board Statement of licensing policy 2013-2016: Section 15 – “Outside Areas”

Local Conditions

The Board may wish to impose the following local conditions

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No use of glass, unless toughened glass, in outside areas.

Question 6: Children and Young Persons Proposed

Terms

This facility encourages family orientated community events. Children and Young Persons will be allowed access and will require to be accompanied by a responsible person aged 18 years or over for pre-specified events.

Ages

Children 0-15 Young Persons; 16 & 17

Times

Children and young persons will be allowed entry until 9:00pm, be permitted to remain until 11:00pm when attending a specific unlicensed youth event, and be allowed to remain for the duration of a pre-booked family event or private function when accompanied by a responsible person aged 18 years or over. .

Parts

Children and Young Persons will be allowed access to all public areas with the exception of the immediate vicinity of any permanent or temporary bar area.

Question 7: Capacity - 600

EHO

The Environmental Health Officer is working with the applicant toward section 50 certification and a noise management plan.