

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

10th November 2020**VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE****NAME OF PREMISES:** Taverna Bar, 5 Watergate, Rothesay, PA20 9AB**APPLICANT:** Douglas Hall Clark, 3 Barone Road, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0DP**AGENT:** N/A**DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:**

The premises are situated within a four storey building and consists of a public bar with cellar/store and ladies and gents toilet facilities.

	EXISTING CORE HOURS		PROPOSED CORE HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	11.00 to 01.00	n/a	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Tuesday	11.00 to 01.00	n/a	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Wednesday	11.00 to 01.00	n/a	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Thursday	11.00 to 01.00	n/a	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Friday	11.00 to 01.00	n/a	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Saturday	11.00 to 01.00	n/a	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Sunday	12.30 to 01.00	n/a	12.30 to 01.00	12.30 to 22.00

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicant wishes to vary the licence as follows:-

- 1) To add off-sales to the licence
- 2) To add an external seating area

3) Change of layout plan to show outdoor area

4) Increase in capacity from 100 to 130

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:- Recorded music; Live performances; Televised sport

LSO: This application seeks permission to make permanent the current outside pavement seated area, to the front of the premises (an occasional licence operated without incident to date).

The applicant has found this Covid19 measure to be of benefit to her business and answers a demand from customers who prefer to remain outside and/or to enjoy an alcoholic drink in the open, weather dependent.

Operating plan

Question 3 off sales

The applicant would also like to add off sales as an additional service, particularly in light of Covid 19 and the potential for closure of on sales services.

Current N/A

Proposed; Monday to Saturday; 11:00 till 22:00, Sunday; 12:30 till 10pm

Question 4 Seasonal variation.

The applicant has repeated her wish to have an outside seated area within this box, this would not appear to be a seasonal variation.

No other changes required.

I am informed that the Roads department have no objection to this application

The applicant will be in touch with the Planning Department.

Question 7; Capacity

Current; 100

Proposed; 100 inside, 24 outside, possibly 30 maximum

EHO

The EHO is aware of this application and has discussed it with the applicant, the implication of Covid 19, social distancing with regard to risk assessment and appropriate advice has been provided. The EHO has also advised the applicant in terms of noise management.

POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS: None

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:-

ITEM 5(d)

- (1) Although there has been a relaxation with regard to planning requirements until the end of March 2021, this is only a temporary measure and planning permission will need to be obtained as this is to be a permanent addition to the licensed premises.
- (2) Feedback will be provided from Environmental Health/ Licensing Standards to confirm that the outside area is complying with Covid requirements in terms of layout, management arrangements, etc.
- (3) With regard to the increase in capacity from 100 to 130, the licence holder has advised as follows:-

“During the short period I used the space I had a maximum of 20 people and lowered that to 14 due to changes in social distancing legislation. When the 20 were in I used between 1.5m and 2m distancing so anticipated but didn’t have enough table and chairs to try I believe I could fit two further tables in the area at a time, if ever we return to any kind of normal. Going ahead for the time being if successful I would still run on the lower use of the area and requested 30 maximum so that should social distancing change I would not need to return to licensing for another review.

However, I am more than willing to drop the number to say 24?! Should it offer me a better chance and in future if feel the space would accommodate more we can review and I return to licensing then.”