Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

7th September 2021

VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

NAME OF PREMISES: Lochavullin Bar, Combie Street, Oban, PA344HS

APPLICANT: Michael Durkin, 1C Lismore Crescent, Dunollie, Oban, PA345AX

AGENT: N/A

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:

The premises are a single storey public house comprising lounge and public bars situated in the centre of Oban. The building, in which the premises are located, has flats above. The adjoining buildings include shops on the ground floor and flats above.

	CURRENT CORE HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Tuesday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Wednesday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Thursday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Friday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Saturday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00
Sunday	11.00 to 01.00	12.45 to 22.00

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicant wishes to vary the licence as follows:-

1) To add bar meals and restaurant facilities to the licence.

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2) To permit children and young persons on the premises from 12.00pm to 8.00pm if they are having a meal.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Celebrations; Funerals; Club or other group meetings; Recorded music; Live performances; Gaming and televised sports.

PROPOSED CHILDRENS CONDITIONS – Currently children and young persons are not permitted on the premises.

TERMS - Children and young persons will be allowed on the premises between 12pm and 8pm if having a meal.

AGES - Children and young persons between the ages of 6 and 18 years.

TIMES - From 12pm to 8pm daily

PARTS - Lounge bar area only.

LSO: This application is to update the premises licence operating plan to allow access by children and young persons between 1200 and 2000 daily and add Restaurant Facilities and Bar Meals between 1200 and 2000 hours daily.

Operating Plan Question 6 – Children and Young Person Access

The applicant has provided the following statement in support of this addition -

Terms Children will be allowed in between 12:00pm and 8:00pm if having a meal

Ages Children above the age of 6 - 18

Times 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Parts Lounge area only

If the Board is minded to grant this part of the application it may wish to consider this form of wording:

Terms

Children aged six years and over and young persons will be allowed access to take a meal while in the company of a responsible person aged 18 years or over.

Ages Children - Six years and over Young persons – 16 & 17 years

Times 12:00pm to 8:00pm *Parts* Lounge area only

EHO

I have now seen a satisfactory covid 19 risk assessment for this and I have no objections to the variation of the licence.

You may have seen that there was an 'objection' / complaint raised to the licence variation application with regards to the general hygiene around the premises, including the front and into the close to the side of the premises.

I did a visit and met with the licensee Michael. Though there were a few cigarettes on the pavement, the area was by no means filthy and / or covered with rubbish, obviously these needed to be picked up though, and there were two cigarette bins available for use.

There has been some discussion with Michael and the residents regarding the close and provided a key code lock on this – this is something which they can purpose themselves but this is not an Environmental Health issue. I have attached a photo of the close. This was taken was taken at 1300 hours and so by no means late night or after hours, but it did not appear to be in a dirty / filthy condition when I visited and I would not be able to object to the application on what I saw.

POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS: None

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. The addition of restaurant facilities and bar meals as activities. In discussion with the applicant, it is understood that the provision of food will generally be of the buffet type and linked to a particular event/ function such as a funeral purvey, birthday party, post shinty match. It is not intended that there will be a full bar menu available on a daily basis.
- 2. Children and young persons to be permitted on the premises from 12p.m. to 8p.m. provided they are having a meal. They will be restricted to the lounge bar area. There is access to the female toilets from the lounge bar. Access to the male toilets is through the public bar.