

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

25th April 2023

VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

NAME OF PREMISES: Coasters Bar, Corran Esplanade, Oban, PA34 5PS

APPLICANT: Mario Di Ciacca, Ardmhor, Ardconnel Road, Oban, PA34 5DJ

AGENT: N/A

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:

Publichouse in town centre

	EXISTING CORE HOURS		PROPOSED CORE HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00
Tuesday	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00
Wednesday	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00
Thursday	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00
Friday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00
Saturday	11.00 to 01.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00
Sunday	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00	11.00 to 24.00	11.00 to 22.00

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicant wishes to vary the licence as follows:-

- 1) To reduce terminal hour on Friday and Saturday to 24.00.
- 2) To amend the seasonal variation.
- 3) To remove live performances and add restaurant facilities, outdoor drinking and takeaways as activities.
- 4) To open for breakfasts from 8am to 11am.

5) To amend the Children and Young Persons conditions.

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

CURRENT SEASONAL VARIATION: The premises would be open until 1.00am on 25th December, 26th December, 31st December and 1st January wherever these fall in any year to celebrate Christmas and the Hogmanay festivities.

The applicant reserves the right to close the premises up to 1 hour earlier in the months of November, January, February and March depending upon clientele demand and staffing arrangements.

PROPOSED SEASONAL VARIATION: The premises would be open until 1.00am on 25th December, 26th December, 31st December and 1st January wherever these fall in any year to celebrate Christmas and the Hogmanay festivities.

The applicant reserves the right to close the premises at 10pm in the months of November, January, February and March depending upon clientele demand and staffing arrangements.

CURRENT CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS CONDITIONS:-

TERMS –Children and young persons will be permitted access to the premises between the hours of 11.00am and 9.00pm provided they are accompanied by an adult and for the purpose of taking a meal.

AGES - Children and young persons up to the age of 18.

TIMES – Children and young persons will be permitted access to the premises between the hours of 11.00am and 9.00pm provided they are accompanied by an adult and for the purpose of taking a meal.

PARTS - Children and young persons will be permitted to all parts of the premises shaded on the layout plan.

PROPOSED CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS CONDITIONS:-

TERMS – Children and young persons will be permitted access to the premises between the hours of 8.00am and 9.00pm provided they are accompanied by an adult and for the purpose of taking a meal.

AGES – Children and young persons up to the age of 18.

TIMES – Children and young persons will be permitted access to the premises between the hours of 8.00am and 9.00pm provided they are accompanied by an adult and for the purpose of taking a meal.

PARTS - Children and young persons will be permitted to all parts of the premises shaded on the layout plan.

LSO: Please see attached Report.

POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS: None

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

(1) Reduction in the terminal hour for on-sales from 1a.m. to midnight on a Friday and Saturday

(2) Amendment of the seasonal variation

(3) To remove live performances as an activity and to add restaurant facilities, outdoor drinking and takeaways as activities

(4) To open for breakfasts from 8a.m. to 11a.m.

(5) To amend the description of the premises

(6) With regard to the proposed outdoor area, a photo is attached showing the exterior of the premises. As the adjacent road is a trunk road, the applicant was required to seek agreement from Transport Scotland. They have advised that, sticking rigidly to their guidelines, there is insufficient footway width available for tables and chairs to be placed on the public footway outside the premises. They then state, however, that as a neighbouring premises (The Chocolate Shop) has tables and chairs outside their premises without complaint then, in the interests of even-handedness, they will permit the siting of tables and chairs outside Coasters on the understanding that they are reviewed for appropriateness.

There is concern that the siting of tables and chairs at this location together with an appropriate barrier to delineate the outside area will not leave sufficient space for the safe passage of pedestrians, wheelchair users, etc as required in terms of the Council's Pavement Café Guidelines. Further inquiries are being made with the Council's Roads Services in this regard and an update will be provided to the Board at their meeting.

It should be noted that The Chocolate Shop is not a licensed premises. A check is also being made on the street furniture currently located outside these premises as it's thought that it may be only a bench.