## Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

# 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

NAME OF PREMISES: The Keel Row, Fionnphort, Isle of Mull, PA666BL

**APPLICANT:** Keel Row Consortium, Address as above.

AGENT: N/A

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:**

The Keel Row is a family orientated Pub and Restaurant situated in its own self contained garden and grounds in the village of Fionnphort at the Southern tip of the Ross of Mull with a population of approximately 80 people. The nearest other licensed premises on the island is at Bunessan which is 6 miles away.

The establishment caters for a large tourist customer base during the summer season - Easter to November - and is a well attended local community pub during the winter off-season months. In addition to the restaurant and bar meal facilities, there is an outside seating area where food and alcohol are served.

	EXISTING LICENSED HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	12.00 to 24.00	12.00 to 22.00
Tuesday	12.00 to 24.00	12.00 to 22.00
Wednesday	12.00 to 24.00	12.00 to 22.00
Thursday	12.00 to 24.00	12.00 to 22.00
Friday	12.00 to 01.00	12.00 to 22.00
Saturday	12.00 to 01.00	12.00 to 22.00
Sunday	12.30 to 24.00	12.30 to 22.00

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicants wish to vary the licence as follows:-

To add conference facilities, theatre and dance facilities to take place outwith core licensing hours. To also add films as an activity.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** Restaurant facilities; Bar meals; Celebrations; Funerals, Club or other group meetings; Recorded music; Live performances; Dance facilities; Indoor/Outdoor sports; Televised sport and outdoor drinking.

**LSO COMMENTS:** and grounds in the village of Fionnphort at the Southern tip of the Ross of Mull with a population of approximately 80 people. The nearest other licensed premises on the island is at Bunessan which is 6 miles away. The establishment caters for a large tourist customer base during the summer season - Easter to November - and is a well-attended local community pub during the winter off-season months. In addition to the restaurant and bar meal facilities, there is an outside seating area where food and alcohol are served.

#### **Operating Plan**

The applicant proposes to make the dining room, bar seating area and outdoor garden area available, by prior arrangement, for a range of community activities including receptions, live performances, theatre practice and children's country dancing by local groups. These events would take place between the hours of 9am - 12 noon (outwith the core liquor licencing hours). A member of staff would be present on the premises during these hours for safety and security. Current licensing conditions would prevail in the bar area in relation to children and young people and the areas to which they are allowed access. In regard to Q5 live performances and sports, these could also be carried out in the garden area.

This proposal would provide a central area in the village for community activity and the LSO has no issues with this application.

The LSO has no concerns with this application.

#### EHO

The EHO has been made aware of this application and no comments have been received.

#### POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections

#### **OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS:**

- (1) A representation dated 29/10/23 has been received from Mr and Mrs Noddings, Seaview, Fionnphort, Isle of Mull PA66 6BL
- (2) An objection dated 31/10/23 has been received from Creich Community Association and Creich Hall Fund, Fionnphort, Isle of Mull PA66 6BP

#### **POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:-**

(1) The addition of conference facilities, theatre and dance facilities to take place outwith core licensing hours.

- (2) The addition of films as an activity.
- $(3) \ \ Consider the terms of the representation and objection submitted.$