

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board

14th November 2023

VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

NAME OF PREMISES: Tower Digital Arts Centre, 81 Sinclair Street, Helensburgh, G84 8TR

APPLICANT: The Tower Digital Arts Centre, c/o 13b West King Street, Helensburgh, G84 8UN

AGENT: N/A

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:

The Tower Digital Arts Centre is a Scottish charity managed by volunteers. The centre operates 7 days a week providing the town with arts events and latest release cinema. The Centre also provide community training. The Scottish Submarine Trust operates the Scottish Submarine Centre and is also a Scottish charity managed by volunteers. The Scottish submarine centre operates as a museum 6 days a week.

Both social enterprises are operated from the former St Columba church complex. The building was built in 1861 and is a landmark building in the centre of Helensburgh. The centre was granted a change of use in 2017 and the two charities between them attract over 50,000 visitors a year.

	EXISTING LICENSED HOURS	
	ON SALES	OFF SALES
Monday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A
Tuesday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A
Wednesday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A
Thursday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A
Friday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A
Saturday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A
Sunday	12.00 to 24.00	N/A

DETAILS OF VARIATIONS SOUGHT:-

The applicants wish to vary the licence as follows:-

- 1) To change the layout plan to include Screen 1 and the Submarine Centre.
- 2) To increase the capacity to 510 persons.
- 3) To change the wording at Terms of the children and young person's conditions.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Conference facilities; Receptions; Club or other group meetings; Recorded music; Live performances; Dance facilities; Theatre; Films; Outdoor drinking facilities.

CURRENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS CONDITIONS:

TERMS Children are allowed entry to age appropriate events. For cinema this is as currently laid down under the Cinema Act and rated by the bbfc.

PROPOSED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS CONDITIONS:

TERMS - The venue allow children to enter. Drinks are purchased at the bar and consumed when the customer is seated. No alcohol will be consumed at the bar.

CURRENT CAPACITY – 330 persons.

PROPOSED CAPACITY – 510 persons. Broken down as Screen 1 – 300; Screen 2 – 40; Screen 3 – 20; Submarine Centre - 150

LSO COMMENTS: See attached report.

POLICE COMMENTS: No Police objections

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS: None

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:-

(1) This application was continued from the Board's meeting in September. The variation sought to add Cinema/ Screen 1 and the Submarine Centre to the premises licence. The applicant was awaiting confirmation from the Fire Service that they were now happy with the fire alarm system, etc in respect of Cinema 1. The applicant has now advised that they wish to withdraw the Submarine Centre from the application. A meeting is to take place with the Fire Service on 10th November at which it is hoped the fire alarm system, etc in respect of Cinema 1 will be approved as satisfactory.

(2) Increase in capacity

(3) Amendment of conditions for children and young persons