

Application SP1246

IN THE MATTER the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER of an application by
Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust
for a special licence
pursuant to section 138 of the Act

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The application for a special licence is granted. The special licence may issue immediately.
2. Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust is authorised to sell and supply alcohol, on the premises situated at Piopio Community Hall, Moa Street, Piopio to any person attending the fundraiser for the Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust.
3. This licence is subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Alcohol may be sold under the licence only on Friday 8th December 2017 between the hours of 6.30pm and 11.00pm.
 - (b) The area where alcohol is to be sold and consumed is described in the plan date stamped as received by the District Licensing Committee on 9th November 2017 and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
 - (c) The person nominated to manage the conduct of the sale and supply of alcohol at all times the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol is Sheryl Johnson and a sign shall be prominently displayed inside the premises which identifies by name the person responsible for the management of the sale and supply of alcohol under the licence.
 - (d) There must be no sale or supply of alcohol to minors or intoxicated persons and there must be displayed at every point of sale appropriate signs detailing these restrictions
 - (e) Drinking water must be freely available from each table and this must be clear to customers while the premises is open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
 - (f) Food must be available for consumption on the premises at all times the premises is open for the sale of alcohol in accordance with the menu submitted with the application for this licence, or variations of a similar range and standard. Menus and the availability of food should be clear to customers and food should be actively promoted.
 - (g) A range of low-alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
 - (h) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist is required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport from the premises must be displayed.

- (i) The entire premises is to be undesignated.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust for a special licence for a fundraiser for the Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust to be held at Piopio Community Hall, Moa Street, Piopio on 8th December 2017. The application was filed more than 20 working days prior to the event as required by section 137.
2. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health have no objection to this application for a special licence (s 141). Accordingly, this application is decided on the papers (s 202).
3. The purpose of the Act is to put in place a new system of control over the sale and supply of alcohol (s 3). The object of the Act is to ensure that the sale and supply of alcohol is undertaken safely and responsibly and the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is minimised (s 4).
4. In deciding whether to grant a special licence the District Licensing Committee must have regard to the criteria in s 142 of the Act. Therefore this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) What is the nature of the event? Does the applicant propose to engage in the sale of goods or provision of services other than those directly relating to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments and food?
 - b) Is the applicant suitable?
 - c) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be reduced to more than a minor extent by the effects of the issue of the licence?
 - d) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
 - e) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable? Are any areas of the premises designated restricted or supervised areas?
 - f) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law? What steps will the applicant take to ensure that alcohol is not sold to prohibited persons?
 - g) What proposals does the applicant have in relation to the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food, low-alcohol drinks and the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises?
 - h) Have the Inspector, Police and Medical Officer of Health raised any relevant considerations?
 - i) Does the application comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy?
5. The licensing committee may refuse a special licence even if there was no objection to the application (s 144).
6. Sections 146 – 149 of the Act outline the compulsory and discretionary conditions for a special licence.

Should the special licence be granted?

7. The general nature of the event is a fundraiser for the Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust. Approximately 100 people are expected to attend the ticketed event. The licensing committee is satisfied that proposed hours are reasonable.
8. The Licensing Inspector reports that the application does comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.

9. The licensing committee is satisfied that Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust is a suitable applicant to hold a special licence. Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust have been granted a number of special licences in the past and have demonstrated compliance with the Act.
10. Given the nature of the event and the venue it is not likely that the issue of the special licence will adversely affect neighbouring properties.
11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the design and layout of the premises is suitable given the temporary nature of the licence. The entire premises is to be an undesignated area.
12. Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust does not propose to have a certificated duty manager at this event. However, the licensing committee is satisfied that an exemption may be granted from the requirement to appoint a duty manager (s 213). This is a small private function and Piopio Community Pools Charitable Trust can manage it without a certificated duty manager. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will have trained bar staff on the premises that are aware of their responsibilities and obligations under the Act. Finally, Sheryl Johnson will take responsibility for the management of the event and ensure that it complies with the Act.
13. The licensing committee is satisfied that the applicant will provide sufficient food, low-alcohol and non-alcoholic refreshments. Free water will also be provided. The use of taxi services will be promoted as a safe option for transport home from the event.

Conclusion

14. The licensing committee is satisfied that the grant of the special licence with the appropriate conditions will ensure the safe and responsible supply of alcohol and the minimisation of harm caused by excessive or inappropriate use of alcohol.
15. Therefore, the application for a special licence is granted.

Dated at this 30th day of November 2017



Guy Whitaker
Deputy Chair
Waitomo District Licensing Committee