

Decision

19/081/2026

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc
for the renewal of a club licence pursuant to
section 127 in respect of the premises
at 1 Tammadge Street, Te Kuiti and known as
Te Kuiti Bowling Club

DECISION OF THE DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc is authorised to sell and supply alcohol on the premises situated at 1 Tammadge Street, Te Kuiti and known as Te Kuiti Bowling Club for consumption on the premises to any authorised customer or visitor as described in the licence conditions.
2. The club-licence 19/CLUB/001/2023 is renewed for a further period of 3 years. The licence may issue upon payment of the annual fee.
3. The present conditions of the licence are replaced as follows:
 - (a) Alcohol may only be sold and supplied to:
 - (i) a member of the club,
 - (ii) any member of any other club where this club has an arrangement for reciprocal visiting rights,
 - (iii) a person who is invited and accompanied by the members listed in (i) or (ii) above.
 - (b) Alcohol may be sold only on the following days and during the following hours:
Monday to Wednesday, from 9.00am to 9.00pm
Thursday to Sunday, 9.00am to 12midnight.
 - (c) The club must always have a secretary.
 - (d) The club must inform the District Licensing Committee of the name of a new secretary within 10 working days of their appointment.
 - (e) All proceeds from the sale of alcohol belong to the club.

- (f) 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 **27 May 2026** and no alcohol is to be taken out of this area.
- (g) The entire premises is undesignated (persons under 18 can be in the area).
- (h) A holder of a manager's certificate must be on duty and on the premises at all times alcohol is sold. If a duty manager is not present, then there must be no alcohol sales and a notice displayed advising the public of this fact.
- (i) A Manager's Register (as required by s.232 of the Act) is to be maintained and available on site.
- (j) The licensee must maintain and display a Host Responsibility Policy and ensure all staff and committee members receive training in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- (k) Alcohol must not be sold or supplied to minors or intoxicated persons. Appropriate signage outlining these restrictions must be clearly displayed at every point-of-sale.
- (l) Drinking water must be freely available and this must be clear to customers while the premises are open for the sale and supply of alcohol.
- (m) A range of non-alcoholic and low-alcohol drinks must be available at all times when the premises is open for the sale of alcohol.
- (n) Food must be always available for consumption on the premises 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. Where catered finger foods, buffet or a la carte meals are not provided, there must be a minimum of food four choices available (excluding nuts and crisps and the like).
- (o) A telephone must be freely available for customers to call for transport and staff must assist if required. Telephone numbers for alternative forms of transport, including sober driver services and the availability of a courtesy vehicle, must be displayed and promoted.
- (p) No BYO alcohol is permitted on the premises while alcohol is available for sale.
- (q) The Licensee must ensure the following are displayed
 - i. A sign to be seen from outside the principal entrance stating the ordinary hours of business during which the premises will be open for the sale of alcohol.
 - ii. A copy of the original licence with all the conditions, just inside the principal entrance so persons entering can read it.
 - iii. A sign in a prominent place identifying the duty manager.

REASONS

1. This is an application by Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc for the renewal of a club licence pursuant to section 127 in respect of the premises at 1 Tammadge Street, Te Kuiti and known as Te Kuiti Bowling Club. The principal nature of the Club remains that of a bowling club hosting bowls nights, twilight bowls and tournaments. The club has 22-full time members, and 60-social twilight bowls members. No members are under the age of 18.
2. The application was advertised, and no objections have been received from members of the public. The Liquor Licensing Inspector, Police and the Medical Officer of Health have provided reports and do not oppose the application. Accordingly, the matter is decided on the papers (s 134).
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). In deciding whether to renew a club licence the licensing committee must have regard to sections 105 and 131 of the Act. Therefore, this committee must consider the following questions within the framework of the purpose and object of the Act:
 - a) Is the applicant suitable?
 - b) Are the days and hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol reasonable?
 - c) Is the design and layout of the premises suitable?
 - d) 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?
 - e) Does the applicant have appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law?
 - f) Have the police, inspector and medical officer of health raised any relevant considerations?
 - g) Will the amenity and good order of the locality be increased by more than a minor extent by the effects of a refusal to renew the licence?
 - h) Has the applicant sold, displayed, advertised or promoted alcohol in a responsible manner?
 - i) Does the application comply with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy?
4. Section 132 provides that the licensing committee may vary or cancel any conditions applying to the licence before its renewal.

Should the licence be renewed?

5. The licensing committee is satisfied that Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc is a suitable applicant to hold a club licence. The club has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. We note that a member of the club's leadership recorded a conviction that is relevant to the assessment of suitability under the Act. The information before us indicates that this was an isolated incident, with no pattern of offending. We are satisfied that the generally accepted two-year period referred to in Re Osborne [LLA 2388/95] has elapsed, no further concerns have arisen since that time, and the individual has maintained a clear record. We also note that Police do not oppose the application.
6. However, we remind Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc of the importance of adhering to the notification requirements outlined in section 231 of the Act. In particular, the requirement for the club to inform the District Licensing Committee of the name of any new secretary within 10 working days of their appointment. This is a condition of the licence. This evidence will be critical for any further renewals.

7. Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc proposes to continue operating as a club with no changes to its licensed hours. The licensing committee is satisfied that these are appropriate hours of operation. The application complies with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
8. The licensing committee is satisfied that the premises has a suitable design and layout to meet the requirements of the Act. The licensed area includes the interior of the bowling club as well as the outside greens. The premises is well appointed and able to be monitored effectively by the staff of the premises. The club bar is centrally located and provides clear views of the entire licensed area and CCTV is in operation.
9. The licensing committee is satisfied that the club has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy which demonstrates suitable measures will be undertaken in regard to responsible sale and supply of alcohol and that harm will be reduced. It is a condition of this licence that all staff employed by the club are trained in their responsibilities and obligations under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This condition also requires committee members to undertake some training. As licensees, this ensures Te Kuiti Bowling Club Inc committee members are aware of their responsibilities in ensuring the club complies with the responsibilities under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the club has sufficient Duty Managers who serve on these premises to ensure the responsible sale and supply of alcohol.
11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the renewal of the club licence will not reduce the amenity and good order of the locality by more than a minor extent. There have been no reports of any nuisance, vandalism or noise problems associated with this premises in the previous licensing period.

Conclusion

12. Therefore, the application for the renewal of the club licence is granted.

Dated at this 3rd day of June 2026



Tegan McIntyre
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee