

Application

19/017/2020

IN THE MATTER

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol
Act 2012

AND
IN THE MATTER

of an application by
The General Store Waitomo Limited
for the renewal of an on-licence
pursuant to section 127 of the Act
in respect of the premises at 15
Waitomo Village Road, Waitomo
known as The General Store and
Twelve

DECISION OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. The on-licence 019/ON/001/2019 in respect of the premises situated at 15 Waitomo Village Road, Waitomo and known as The General Store Waitomo and Twelve Tables Bar and Eatery is renewed for a further period of 3 years. The licence may issue upon payment of the annual fee.
2. The present conditions of the licence continue to apply.

Reasons

1. This is an application by The General Store Waitomo Limited for the renewal of an on-licence in respect of the premises situated at 15 Waitomo Village Road, Waitomo and known as The General Store Waitomo and Twelve Tables Bar and Eatery. This restaurant has been licensed under the current ownership since 17 May 2019.
2. The application was advertised and there have been no objections by members of the public. The 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 (section 134).
3. The purpose of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is to put in place a new system of control over the sale and supply of alcohol (section 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 (section 4).

4. In deciding whether to renew an on-licence the licensing committee must have regard to sections 131 and 105 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?
5. 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?

6. The licensing committee is satisfied that The General Store Waitomo Limited is a suitable applicant to hold an on-licence. The company has demonstrated compliance with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. The company has an appropriate Host Responsibility Policy and staff training programme. There are three certificated duty managers who are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act.
7. The Licensing Inspector is satisfied that the application complies with the Waitomo District Local Alcohol Policy.
8. The General Store Waitomo Limited proposes to continue operating as a restaurant from 9.00am to 12.00 midnight Monday to Sunday. The licensing committee is satisfied that these are appropriate hours of operation.
9. The licensing committee is satisfied that suitable measures will be taken to ensure that alcohol is sold and supplied responsibly and that harm caused by inappropriate or excessive consumption of alcohol is minimised.
10. The licensing committee is satisfied that the premises has a suitable design and layout to meet the requirements of the Act. It is well appointed and able to be monitored effectively by the staff of the premises.
11. The licensing committee is satisfied that the renewal of the on-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 past 12 months.

12. The licensing committee is satisfied that alcohol is sold, displayed and promoted in a responsible manner and in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Conclusion

13. Therefore, the application for the renewal of the on-licence is granted. The conditions for this licence have been replaced to ensure that they are consistent with licences issued since the commencement of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Dated this 14th day of April 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Grayson', written in a cursive style.

Sara Grayson
Commissioner
Waitomo District Licensing Committee