

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of
Alcohol Act 2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by the
BELFAST SPORTS COMMUNITY
CENTRE (INC) for an On-Site
Special Licence pursuant to s22
of the Act in respect of
premises known as the Belfast
Sports Community Centre
situated at 18 March Place,
Christchurch.

DECISION OF THE CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Mr R.J.Wilson

Members Mr G . Buchanan
Mr P.Rogers

- [1] This is an application by the Belfast Sports Community Centre (Inc) for an On-Site Special Licence pursuant to s22 of the Act for premises known as the Belfast Sports Community Centre situated at 18 March Place, Christchurch. The occasion is the Harewood School PTA Disco to be held on 1st September 2017.
- [2] The Inspector and the NZ Police have not raised any matters in opposition in reports required under s141(1). The Medical Officer of Health has however raised matters in opposition but the Committee does not believe a public hearing is necessary. We proceed to deal with the application on the papers.
- [3] The Medical Officer of Health has raised objections on two counts. Firstly he is concerned about parents who have driven to the function then driving children home after consuming alcohol. This is a concern that has been raised before. The Committee's view is that the decision to consume alcohol then drive or not is a matter for responsible parents to make. We take note however of the second concern that of the appropriateness of alcohol being consumed at a function primarily aimed at children. We are satisfied however that the arrangements proposed physically separate the childrens' activities from the bar where adults may purchase and consume alcohol. As long as that separation is maintained, which can be achieved by appropriate conditions, we are satisfied that the granting of a licence in these circumstances would not be inconsistent with the Object of the Act.

- [4] We are satisfied as to the matters to which we must have regard as set out in s142 of the Act and we grant the applicant a Special Licence pursuant to s104(1).
- [5] The licence will not issue until all relevant clearances have been obtained and the applicant is not entitled to sell alcohol until the licence issues. The applicant's attention is drawn to s259 of the Act which makes it an offence not to comply with certain requirements and restrictions imposed by or under s46 to s63. The applicant must comply with all conditions specified on the licence.
- [6] The licence will be subject to the following conditions:

Compulsory Conditions – s147(3)

The following conditions are compulsory:

- (a) Alcohol may only be sold under the licence on the following days and during the following hours:
Friday 1st September 2017 between the hours of 6 pm and 9.30 pm.
- (b) Drinking water must be freely available on the premises as specified in the application.

Discretionary Conditions – s147(1)

The following discretionary conditions apply-

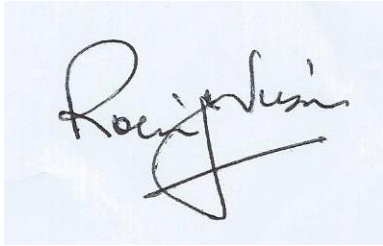
- (a) The licence holder must display appropriate signs adjacent to every point of sale detailing the statutory requirements on the supply of alcohol to minors and the complete prohibition on sales to intoxicated persons.
- (b) Food must be available for consumption on the premises as specified in the application.
- (c) Low alcohol beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises as specified in the application.
- (d) Non alcoholic beverages must be available for sale and supply on the premises as specified in the application.
- (e) The licensee must provide assistance with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises as specified in the application.
- (f) A copy of this licence together with signs showing the age restriction must be clearly displayed.
- (g) Entry is restricted to invited guests only.
- (h) Alcohol may only be sold, supplied and consumed in the Main Bar as shown on the plan submitted in the application. Alcohol may not be sold in Billies Bar.

The licence is also subject to the following conditions which in the Committee's opinion are not inconsistent with the Act

- (a) Noise should be controlled so as not to disturb neighbouring residents.

The Main Bar is designated a supervised area.

Dated at Christchurch this 17th day of August 2017.

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R.J. Wilson
Chairperson
Christchurch District Licensing Committee