

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 31 March 2015

Agenda Item	7.2
Report No	HLB/023/15

Guidelines for the grant of extended hours during major events in Ullapool

Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Summary

This Report invites the Board to consider whether to promote guidelines in relation to extended licensing hours for the Ullapool Coastal Rowing Club Skiff Regatta and the annual Loopallu Music Festival Fringe events to be held in Ullapool during 2015.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Licensing Board specifies guidelines from time to time in relation to applications for extended hours during major events. In the past, guidelines have been promoted in the Ullapool area for a major rowing regatta and the Loopallu Music Festival Fringe events.
- 1.2 It would be beneficial to licensees if the Board could fix similar guidelines for the above events which are to be held from 10 to 12 July and 25 to 27 September 2015 respectively.

1.3 Loch Broom Skiff Regatta - Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July 2015

Following the success of the St Ayles Skiff World Championships held in Ullapool in 2013 the Ullapool Coastal Rowing Club plan to hold The Loch Broom Skiff Regatta which is expected to attract over 1000 competitors and spectators and will be a special event of local significance. The similar event held in 2014 passed without incident.

1.4 Loopallu Music Festival - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September 2015

This annual event is held within Broomfield Holiday Park, Ullapool and attracts a crowd of up to 3000 persons. Because of the location within the village the live outdoor music stops at 2300 hrs at which time local licensed premises provide fringe entertainment on their premises.

It is accepted that the event is a special event of local significance and there has been no history of any significant, negative, issues in the past.

1.5 Suggested hours are: –

Friday 10 July, Saturday 11 July, Friday 25 September and Saturday 26 September 2015:

Hours extended until 0200 hrs the following day.

2.0 Legislation

- 2.1 Section 68 of the Act authorises that the holder of a premises licence may apply for extended hours in connection with a special event or occasion to be catered for on the premises or in connection with a special event of local or national significance. Each application is to be considered on its own merits and in accordance with the Board's scheme of delegation.

3.0 Conditions

- 3.1 Following the introduction of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010, which introduced a new section 70A to the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, it is now possible for the Board to vary the conditions of operation for a licensed premises on granting an extended hours application for the purposes of any of the licensing objectives.
- 3.2 The following mandatory condition will apply to any premises open after 0100 hrs:-
- (i) A person trained to the satisfaction of the Licensing Board in administering first aid must be present on the premises from 0100 hrs.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the following special condition should be attached to any extended hours which are granted beyond 0100 hrs on any day.
- (ii) A designated person who is the holder of a personal licence must be present on the premises from 2200 hrs.

Recommendation

Members are invited to indicate whether they wish to agree guidelines in relation to extended licensing hours for premises in Ullapool for the Loch Broom Skiff Regatta and the Loopallu Music Festival on the application of a premises licence holder and confirm any additional local conditions.

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Background Papers: The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005