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**ARGYLL AND BUTE LICENSING BOARD      REPORT BY DEPUTE CLERK**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

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**OBAN MOD 2024**

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## **1.0    EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the results of a consultation exercise that has been undertaken in relation to licensing hours for Oban Mod 2024 and for members thereafter to determine the extent of later hours to be granted.

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across licensed premises and each individual licensed premises would have to submit the necessary application which would then be considered on its merits and subject to the usual consultation with the Police and LSO.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **APPENDIX**

The following are the responses received from the consultees:-

### **BID4Oban Ltd**

I have spoken with various licensees across town and they are all in favour of extended licences for the duration of both these events. The general consensus is until 3am however there may be a couple of hotels that want longer and that will be up to them to apply. As per usual, it will be up to the licencing board to decide. As I asked previously, is there anything that can be done to make this a simpler process for both the council and licensees?

### **NHS HIGHLAND**

From a health perspective as this is a one off we would have no objections to this going ahead. It is good the community and I don't see this causing any issues.

### **SECRETARY OF OBAN LICENSED TRADE ASSOCIATION**

I have not had a great deal of response to my e-mail to members, but the consensus from those that did respond is that we should go for the same as last time. Ie 3am for normal nights and 4 am on the final Friday.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

"EH would be also happy to support this, given no significant issues were noted as occurring at the previous MOD event when it is understood similar additional hours applications were permitted and approved."

### **OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

In anticipation of this possibility, OCC discussed this at its recent meeting, and it was unanimously agreed that it would support any application for extension of licensing hours at the Mod. Further, I have circulated your email among the members asking if there might just possibly be any dissenting voices. There were none. Therefore, I can happily confirm that the proposal that you have outlined will be both supported and encouraged by OCC.

### **LICENSING STANDARDS OFFICERS**

Hi Susan all agreed, this all worked without incident during Dunoon Mod 2015 and Oban Mod 2018.

I have attached an information sheet that Eric developed on your behalf and which I have updated to suit the forthcoming event.

As you have outlined, any licensed premises applying for same will have to show they can support enhanced control measures to support these hours i.e. stewarding etc., which will further support ourselves Policing the night time economy during this period.

Argyll and Bute Council  
Comhairle Earra Ghàidheal agus Bhòid

**Development and Infrastructure Services**  
Executive Director: Pippa Milne

**THE NATIONAL MOD  
THE ARGYLL AND BUTE LICENSING BOARD POLICY ON EXTENDED LICENSED  
HOURS FOR ON SALES PREMISES**

This notification is relevant to on sales licensed premises in the Oban area.

This is the Licensing Board's policy on extended licensing hours for the National Mod 2024 being held in Oban from 11 to 19 October 2024.

Section 68 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 requires that licensees must apply for an extended hours licence should they wish to remain open out-with their core licensing hours.

**Extended Hours for the Mod**

The extended hours will be to a maximum of 3:00am for the full period of the Mod, with the exception of the final evening where 4am is possible on application.

**Applying for Extended Hours**

If you intend providing music, live performance, and/or dance you must ensure that the relevant boxes on the premises licence operating plan are marked YES or Y. If you have NO or N recorded you cannot provide such entertainment.

Full terms and conditions for applying for extended hours are attached. In summary, each

### **Patron Curfew**

The licensing board has waived the late night patron curfew for the period of the Mod.

### **Music Curfew**

Live and/or recorded music will cease at least one half hour prior to the terminal hour of the extended hours granted.

### **Late Night Opening Conditions**

In addition to the mandatory premises licence conditions the licensing board may impose late night conditions similar to the attached schedule.

Further information on extended licences and the application process can be obtained from the licensing board. Contact:

E-mail: [licensing@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## **EXTENDED HOURS LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 68 provides for the grant of an extended hours licence to licensed premises to extend the core hours of the premises in connection with –

- 1. a special event or occasion to be catered for on the premises; or**
- 2. a special event of local or nation significance**

An extended hour's licence has effect for such period granted by the licensing board, however, the period of grant can be no more than one month. It is important to note that an extended hours licence will only be granted for a special event or occasion or an event of national significance. Regular events, by definition, cannot be considered special or significant. Each application will be treated on its own merits, but the following events could be considered special or significant:

- Weddings
- Birthdays
- Charity fundraisers
- Christmas and New Year Celebrations
- Local and National celebrations

The information supplied in support of the application is crucial. In this respect, the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board Policy Statement 2013 – 2016 advises at paragraph 8.9:

*licant will have to demonstrate the hours requested are appropriate in the circumstances. The applicant should provide to the Board sufficient information to enable a decision to be made.*

*This will include:-*

- hours sought;*
- the description of the special event or occasion;*
- what activities are proposed to take place during the hours sought;*
- when each activity will take place;*

*why the event or occasion is considered to be special; and  
why the event or occasion cannot take place within the on-*

**Please note that applications require to be submitted 35 days prior to the event.**

**LATE HOURS CONDITIONS FOR OBAN NATIONAL MOD  
11<sup>th</sup> TO 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

The licensing board will impose conditions similar to the following depending on the event venue.

**Late Opening Conditions**