

Selkirk Conservative Club.

Details of Agreed Submission to be presented Personally, and open for Questions.

Further information in Support of Selkirk Conservative Club (SCC) Application for Extended Hours.

The Lions Tours to New Zealand, as we know only happens every 4 years, and many members of Selkirk Conservative Club, are both Members of Selkirk Rugby Club/ other Rugby Clubs in the Borders.

SCC, has a long standing tradition, during the running of the RBS 6 Nations of Providing, Rolls and Soup, to those attending to watch the Rugby. This is made easier due to the fact that there is no appreciable time difference for the RBS 6 Nations.

For the RBS 6 Nations there are usual more than one game to watch at a time, and we have never experienced any difficulty with regards to conduct of those in attendance etc.

In applying for this facility – the Club is mindful of the position, that it is **not** intending opening its doors in a free for all, , and would be an all ticket event, (which allows for managed catering), for members and bone fide guests only, to watch the one game only per day, during which, a breakfast will be provided.

SCC has operated for many years– a tightly managed “Zero Tolerance” - approach to any issues of bad behaviour including use of language, and all members (with posters and on joining) are advised that this not only applies to the Club Premises, but also, any member`s conduct out with the Club, that is brought to the attention of the Committee, that could potentially reflect on the reputation of the Club if their membership is revealed.

To pick up and hopefully address – the composite objections by the Police and your Licensing Standard Officers.

- a. Not affiliated to a Rugby Club. This is correct, but anyone with knowledge of our approx. 600 members will know those who are still members of and / or have played for Selkirk RFC and other Rugby Clubs, in the past – Rugby being their principle and only sport in their younger days. All televised Rugby Internationals are usually well supported we expect from interest at least 25-35 members.
- b. The “ significant “entertainment being to watch the “Lions Rugby Games – on our big screen”, which only take place every 4 years and are by virtue of location, out of sync with our licensing hours. The added feature benefits for members, is the atmosphere and discussion members have as to play and tactics, that sitting at home does not provide.
- c. Selling for more than 14 hours in 24. The matter has been addressed by the committee, and, we would not like to do anything which would be out of

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step with the usual bounds of the Boards Policy - Licensing Policy 2013-2016 Para 7.3. Because this is only a once every 4 year event, the Committee would like you to consider the following “*operational condition for these applications only*”, that if considered appropriate the LB could allow for the granting of this extension to permitted hours. If the Board were minded to Grant the Applications on the condition that, the Club Committee, ensures closure of the Club at 11 pm on both the Friday and Saturdays as follows.

- i. Friday 23rd June and Saturday 24th June – Close at 11 pm. to facilitate Lions Tour Opening.
- ii. Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July – Close at 11 pm. to facilitate Lions Tour Opening.
- iii. Friday 7th June and Saturday 8th June – Close at 11 pm. to facilitate Lions Tour Opening.

At this time of the year with holidays, etc., and no planned bands or other entertainments the Lions Tour Games, would appear to be a flexible alternative, option/facility for the members of the Club.

- d. It is intended that this event would be a Members – All Ticket event, with the option of bringing along a bone fide guest, who would also have to purchase a ticket prior to the event, in order that proper facilities for catering were provided. Tickets for each of the game will not be on sale on the date of the events or at the door of the event.
- e. “Precedent” As this is a, once in every 4 years event, (due to location), for the Lions Tour, we appreciate the argument of “precedent”, but would consider that along with appropriate conditions and known reputation of the Club in operating a “Zero Tolerance “ approach, this would go a long way to mitigating the fears of what “might happen” by the board.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration and I will be on hand to answer any further questions you may have which may resolve any issues.

Signed James P Terras. BA Hons GDL

Secretary / Treasurer.