Hearings Panel
Proposed amendments to the Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 20 February 2020
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present
Members
Councillor Tim Scandrett
Councillor Jimmy Chen
Councillor Sam MacDonald

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. **Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha**

   **Committee Decision**
   
   There were no apologies received.

2. **Election of Chairperson / Te Whakatū Poumua**

   **Committee Recommendation**
   
   It was **decided** that Councillor Scandrett be appointed Chairperson of the Hearings Panel.

   Councillor Chen/Councillor MacDonald  
   
   **Carried**

3. **Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

   Councillor Scandrett noted he is an adviser to a Healthy Families (Sport Canterbury) working group. Healthy Families were a submitter and Councillor Scandrett was not involved in their submission.

4. **Proposed Amendments to the Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 - Summary of Submissions**

   Council Officers presented the staff report on the proposal.

   **Committee Resolved BLHP/2020/00004**
   
   That the Hearings Panel:
   
   1. Receive the information in the staff report.

   Councillor Scandrett/Councillor MacDonald  
   
   **Carried**

5. **Volumes of Submissions**

   **Committee Resolved BLHP/2020/00005**
   
   Original staff recommendation accepted without change.

   That the Hearings Panel:
   
   1. Receive the written submissions (including any late submissions) on the permanent alcohol ban area for rugby league sports fields.

   Councillor Chen/Councillor MacDonald  
   
   **Carried**
6. Hearing of Submissions / Ngā Tāpaetanga

The Hearings Panel received verbal submissions from:

- George Lajpold - Canterbury Rugby League
- Cathy Bruce - Health Promotion Agency
- Bruce Milne - Canterbury Rugby League Masters

The meeting adjourned at 11.30am after the hearing of submissions and resumed at 11.40am

7. Hearings Panel Consideration and Deliberation / Ngā Whaiwhakaaro o Ngā Kōrero me Ngā Taukume

At the completion of the verbal submissions the Hearings Panel asked Council Officers to return to the table to answer questions raised by the Hearings Panel.

The meeting adjourned at 11.45am during item 7 and resumed at 11.53am.

The Panel then considered the written and heard submissions received through the consultation and hearings process and proceeded to deliberate on the proposal to amend the Council’s Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 (the Bylaw) to include a permanent ban for rugby league fields.

Issues raised during the deliberations included:

1. Canterbury Rugby League leadership in initiating both the current temporary ban, and the proposed permanent ban.
2. The effect of the temporary ban.
3. The dates proposed for the ban.
4. The impact of the proposed ban on Canterbury Rugby League Masters.

The Hearings Panel formulated its recommendations to the Council.

Committee Resolved BLHP/2020/00006

Part A Resolutions

The Hearings Panel recommend that the Council:

1. Approves the introduction of a permanent alcohol ban by way of an amendment to Schedule 1 to the Christchurch City Council Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 as set out in Attachment A.
2. Note that the ban will apply while the fields are in use for rugby league:
   a. from 3pm to 8.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays from April to August of each year, and to
   b. adjoining public areas such as car parks, changing areas, walkways and playgrounds.
3. Authorise staff to make any typographical changes to correct minor errors or omissions as the case may be before the Bylaw comes into force.
4. Give public notice as soon as practicable that Schedule 1 to the Christchurch City Council Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 has been amended, and that the
amendments come into effect on 1 April 2020, and that copies of the Christchurch City Council Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw 2018 may be inspected and obtained at the Council’s offices or on its website, without payment.

Councillor Scandrett/Councillor MacDonald

Unanimously Carried

Meeting concluded at 11.59am.