



BLACKHALL ST COLUMBAS CHURCH

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION POLICY

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Consumption of alcohol in Church/Church Halls/Church grounds

INTRODUCTION

Until Jan 2023 there was an Alcohol policy which stated that a group could consume only one glass of alcohol in the halls/Church with prior approval via the Session Clerk and Moderator. This policy flagged up various issues such as size of glass which made the policy too ambiguous for some. To this end, this policy has been created to allow the general consumption of alcohol but to have this has a planned activity where approval is sought first via the Kirk Session to maintain control of said policy.

POLICY GUIDELINES

As from Jan 2023 a group planning an event/celebration where alcohol may be wished to be consumed on the premises now requires to seek approval first. The approval will be communicated to the Kirk Session and discussed/agreed at a monthly Kirk Session meeting. Every different session will require a separate approval – no blanket approval will be given.

Discussion relating to the approval will consider the reason the group is requesting to consume alcohol on site, the day/time of event, age, supervision, licensing laws and key holder details. When approval is granted, the group will be intrusted to consume alcohol in a responsible manner.

Where a group cannot wait until requesting approval at the next available Kirk Session meeting the existing discretion for deciding on behalf of the Kirk Session should still be afforded to the Moderator and Session Clerk.

POLICY MEASURING AND MONITORING

This policy will be subject to a general annual review however if there are any incidents which require the policy to be reviewed with immediacy this can also be undertaken at the next available Kirk Session Meeting.

