

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AVIVA STADIUM PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON MONDAY, 24 JUNE, 2013

ATTENDANCE

LOCAL COMMUNITY: Mr Greg Pepper (GP)
Mr John Dodd (JD)

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: Ms Eileen Quinlivan (EQ)

LRSDC: Mr Martin Murphy (MM)
Mr Bill Enright (BE)
Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

VENUE: Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Maria Parodi and Mick Davoren.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 30 April were an accurate record of the meeting. Agreed minutes to be put up on the Aviva Stadium website.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

JD queried attendance of FAI at meeting. MM said that, unfortunately, a representative could not make the meeting. It was agreed to re-issue invite for next meeting.

It was agreed that there were no other matters arising from the minutes that would not be covered under the business of the meeting.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM updated the meeting on operations. He noted that since the last meeting there had been four events as follows:

- Soccer international v Georgia and FAI Junior Cup Final (18,000 attendance).
- Soccer international v Faroe Islands (33,000 attendance).
- Robbie Williams Concert (45,000 attendance).
- Rihanna concert (45,000+ attendance).

He noted that there had been no major issues in relation to either of the soccer occasions.

In relation to the Robbie Williams Concert he said there had been a number of complaints in relation to the sound check being carried out the night before the concert. He said this had been undertaken, with permission, in order not to interfere with Leaving Certificate examinations during the Friday.

MM noted that there had also been a number of complaints from residents in Lansdowne Lane with concert patrons using gardens there as toilets. GP also noted that there had been other complaints in relation to public urination on Londonbridge Road and at the Pumphouse.

MM said that the instances were regrettable. He particularly noted that in the case of Lansdowne Lane that there was a toilet situated some 20 metres from the gardens. He said that situations such as those that happened had not been encountered before in this area. He said that action had been taken in area for the Rihanna Concert.

In response to a query MM also noted that given the large number of females attending the Rihanna concert that many of the toilets in the stadium had been converted for female use. These included staff toilets and some disabled toilets. He also noted additional toilets had been provided in the stadium for those watching the concert from the pitch.

GP queried the stewarding around Bath Avenue and Derrynane Gardens. He noted that there had been three stewards on Bath Avenue but none in relation to Derrynane Gardens. He said again this led to problems in relation to concert patrons utilising the gardens in Derrynane Gardens for urination. He requested the stewards be allocated differently in this area for any future concerts. MM agreed to same.

GP said that since the last meeting he had met with MD and they had checked out possible locations for additional public toilets. He said that while no-one wanted such toilets placed near their properties it looked as if there would have to be such toilets positioned. He undertook to contact MD again with a view to suggesting locations for same.

EQ requested that list of possible locations be sent by GP/MD to RG with a view to DCC looking into same. MM noted that any such placing of additional toilets would be undertaken jointly by the Stadium and DCC.

GP also noted some problems early in the day of the concerts at Havelock Square.

GP requested that when the stadium is employing additional stewards that more consideration be given to giving employment to people from inside the area around the stadium. He asked if vacancies occurred could BADRA and LADRA be kept informed.

MM said that BADRA and LADRA should send in any applications on an on-going basis as all such recruitment is on a rolling basis with new stewards coming on board all the time.

MM confirmed the number of stewards depends on the attendance anticipated for any given event.

BE said he would encourage more local people to apply for such positions as they brought local knowledge to the job.

MM updated meeting on upcoming events as follows:

- August 10: Liverpool v Celtic
- September 6: World Cup Qualifier v Sweden
- September 17: Concert The Wall

5. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG noted that he had been invited to visit the Plurabelle Paddlers facility on Hanover Quay. He said that the Plurabelle Paddlers had extended an invitation to all members of the PMC to visit. RG urged that members of the committee would do same as he said he felt that the Plurabelle Paddlers was an excellent example of where the fund had worked well.

There then followed a general discussion on the recommendations of the independent assessor. In the main his recommendations were accepted. RG to write to the projects in question noting that they have been granted funds and also outlining the terms and conditions under which the funds could be drawn down.

A number of specific projects were discussed. Where appropriate RG was asked to seek additional information. The projects discussed were as follows:

- RG was requested to provide clarification in relation to the exact nature of the Anchorage project. RG to discuss same with the independent assessor.
- In relation to the Sean Moore Community Awards RG noted that the intention was not to provide funding for final year of the awards. He said that the independent assessor had suggested that the awards might be continued with support from the Community Fund. Same would be dependent on the awards having the backing of D4 News and also having in position a committee that could administer the awards as before. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate for the PMC to become involved in the administration of the awards. RG was requested to discuss same with the independent assessor and to come back with a more definite recommendation. RG noted that support for such an initiative had been received from DL.
- RG requested to provide more information in relation to the Lansdowne Road Tennis Club project.
- RG to speak to independent assessor in relation to the Kiawitter Theatre Group as the request was not for funding but rather to use of the stadium.
- RG to speak to independent assessor in relation to the sandbags project submitted by the Ballsbridge Dodder Residents Association
- In relation to the Ballsbridge Dodder Residents Association MC requested that RG write to same offering support for a function during the year.
- GP queried situation in relation to support for schools. RG said that since the start of the programme that schools had always been supported.
- It was agreed that any functions such as Christmas parties would draw their funding from the monies set aside. Decisions on any of these would be made

directly by the PMC and would not involve the independent assessor.

- In relation to BADRA and LADRA requests for support for production of a local history booklet it was agreed that the two organisations will get together with a view to producing one such booklet.
- It was agreed RG would set up a meeting between independent assessor and JD and GP to discuss a number of the BADRA / LADRA projects and also to see how best to administer funding for such projects in the future.
- RG to speak with independent assessor re possible publicity of projects support by the Fund.
- Subsequent to meeting RG received update from Marian College re state of proposed project. Negotiations progressing well and full update will be provided for next meeting.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RG queried relevance of PMC as title for group given the changing nature of the overall Aviva Stadium project. BE suggested Aviva Stadium Community Committee (ASCC) might be a better reflection of the remit of the group. All to give further thought to same in advance of next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is set for, at 6:30pm, in the Aviva Stadium Management Building on September 10, 2013.

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Hon Sec
PMC

25 June 2013

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