

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),
HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 APRIL, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Frank Lambe (FL)
COUNCILLORS:	Cllr Kieran Binchy (KB)
LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr Joe McCann (JMcC) Mr Alf Guinevan (AG)
LRSDC:	Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Daniel Wynne (DW) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
VENUE:	Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Andrews and Mick Davoren.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 2 February 2016 were an accurate record of the meeting. Agreed minutes to be put up on the Aviva Stadium website.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

MM noted that the stadium had pruned a number of the trees which had been causing problems in relation to the lighting of the streets. FL said that he had asked Dublin City Council to look into the remainder of the trees and also to the strength of the bulbs in the lamps. He said he would follow up with same.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM noted that there had been a number of events held in the stadium since the last meeting of the SCC. He said there had been no issues in relation to these. He noted upcoming events as being the Republic of Ireland v Netherlands on 27 May, a Rhianna

concert on 20 June and the Barcelona v Celtic match in July. He noted that there might possibly be another concert in June. He said that he will keep members of the committee informed in relation to same.

There followed a general discussion in relation to the stewarding at matches. JMcC noted a number of problems in relation to stewarding particularly around The Pumphouse. He said that in many cases stewards did not appear to be well briefed and were not in the right places. MM noted that there is a command structure in relation to the stewards and that they are normally briefed by team leaders. He said he would, however, look into same.

JMcC raised the problem of cars being driven in the area up to 20 minutes before a game. He said that the situation was really dangerous and something needed to be done about it. MM said that he would ensure the matter was brought to the attention of the Gardaí once again. MD to action same.

JMcC acknowledged that MD had done a great job in relation to solving issues for the local community. He said that, however, there were still problems. He expressed the view that there seemed to be different rules in operation on the BADRA side of the ground.

JMcC specifically requested that signage be created to indicate where the portable toilets are at Londonbridge Road.

JMcC also noted the situation in relation to flares being brought to soccer games. MM also to discuss same with Gardaí.

AG brought the situation in relation to the graffiti situation which is becoming worse around the ground. MM noted that where possible the stadium cleared up such graffiti. He noted that in general it was a social problem rather than a problem related specifically to the stadium.

AG also brought up the situation in relation to advertising in private residences around the ground citing a Hailo inflatable. It was felt that such initiatives were not exempt from the law but that it would be hard to police same.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated the meeting on the community fund. He noted that the closing date for applications was 30 April and that he expected quite a number of applications to come in over the next week. He said to date there had been 17 applications for funding from the 2016 fund.

RG noted that he had met with Committee members from BADRA and that they were due to submit a plan for the year. RG also noted that he had met with Marian College in relation to the sports hall and an application was expected from same.

RG also noted that he had met with the Community Committee for the Covanto project and had briefed same in relation to the work of the Stadium Community Fund. He said he believed it was a good thing that there was crossover between the two committees as in that way it would ensure that people were not trying to avail of dual funding.

RG noted that this year marks the year in which the fund will have contributed in excess of one million euro to local projects. He queried whether some work might be done to publicise same. It was agreed that once all of the projects for 2016 were in that a particular project might be selected with a view to generating publicity.

RG noted that details of all of the applications for 2016 funding would be circulated to the committee over the coming weeks. Following that independent assessor, Philip Land, would look to meet with all of the projects with a view to making recommendations.

6. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at 6:30pm, on 5 July, 2016, at the Stadium Management Offices.

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Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee

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