

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),
HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 MAY, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

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| DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: | Mr Frank Lambe (FL) |
| COUNCILLORS: | Cllr Kieran Binchy (KB) Cllr Chris Andrews (CA) |
| LOCAL COMMUNITY: | Mr Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Joe McCann (JMcC) |
| LRSDC: | Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Mick Davoren (MD) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG) |
| VENUE: | Aviva Stadium Management Building |

1. APOLOGIES:

All members of the Stadium Community Committee were present. FL noted that he would have to leave the meeting slightly early.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 17 February 2015 were an accurate record of the meeting. Agreed minutes to be put up on the Aviva Stadium website.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

It was agreed that there were no matters arising that would not be covered under the general business of the current meeting.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM updated the meeting. He noted that there had been two matches since the last meeting. These were the Ireland v England rugby international and the Ireland v Poland soccer international. Both had attracted full houses.

MM noted that there had been little or no issues in relation to the rugby international but that there had been issues in relation to the soccer match. It was noted that JMcC had been in touch with MD in relation to many of these and that they had been dealt with in the interim.

MM noted the fact that many of the Polish supporters were living in Ireland meant that there was not the normal segregation at games. Issues identified by JMcC included:

- Widespread urination outside of the stadium.
- The distribution of the Star newspaper outside the stadium which had led to extensive littering.
- The congregation of spectators outside of the stadium well in advance of the game.

AG also queried the length of time it took to do the normal after match clear up. He said that this seemed to go on over a number of days.

JMcC noted a particular problem in relation to the hamburger stall that had set up close to a toilet at one of the bridges. He noted that many fans used this as a gathering point which in turn created a major bottleneck.

MD noted that this would not happen again and that the Gardai had been informed and measures had been put in place to ensure that it would not happen again.

FL also noted that no trading licence would be issued for this area in future.

JMcC noted the need for better stewarding at Derrynane Gardens. He noted that there were a couple of houses for sale the gardens of which had ended up being utilised as urinals before the match. MD noted that this area would be stewarded in the future. MD said that following conversations with JMcC that a number of areas had been identified for increasing stewarding for future games.

JMcC said that he was working with MD to ensure that more information was got out to the local community in relation to upcoming fixtures. Same included using local noticeboards, Facebook, etc.

MD noted that the next fixtures / events included the upcoming weekend (17 May) when the FAI Junior and Intermediate Cup Finals would be played in the stadium. It was expected that a crowd of approximately 4,000 would attend.

He noted that there would be an Ireland v Northern Ireland game behind closed doors on 4 June. Kick off time is 1pm. There will be no supporters nor media admitted to same.

The two major fixtures scheduled for early June are the friendly soccer international against England which will take place on 7 June. He noted that extensive discussions had been going on with the FA and FAI in relation to same. This has resulted in a 1pm kick off being agreed. The Euro soccer international against Scotland will be held on 13 June. It is expected that these two latter fixtures will attract a crowd of approximately 3,000 travelling supporters to each of the games. He said that these will be segregated however.

There is a AC/DC concert on 1 July.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated the meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that 49 applications had been received for funding from the 2015 fund. Funding requests for the

year were of the order of €300K. Following a discussion in relation to the fund it was agreed that the RG should ask the independent assessor to progress valuations as swiftly as possible. In order to expedite same it was agreed that RG would not circulate full copies of all the applications at this point in time to the members of the SCC but would provide the details along with the independent assessor's evaluation at the appropriate time.

RG to brief the independent assessor with a view to having evaluations done by the end of the current month if possible. RG said that there were a small number of outstanding 2014 grants that had still to be drawn down but that this was at a lower level than any other year.

RG agreed that he would meet with JMcC and representatives of BADRA with a view to discussing the overall timings for funding applications in any given year.

CA raised the issue of potential double funding once the Community Fund in relation to the incinerator project commences. All were in agreement that duplication of funding should be avoided at all costs. It was, however, agreed that given that the community fund committee for the incinerator still has to be formed it should be business as usual in relation to the stadium fund.

6. NEXT MEETING:

A provisional date of Tuesday, 16 June, was set for the next meeting. Same dependent on circulation of the independent assessor's report in advance of the meeting.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee

15 May 2015

Circulation

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