

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),
HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: Mr Frank Lambe (FL)

COUNCILLORS:

LOCAL COMMUNITY: Mr Joe McCann (JMcC)
Mr Alf Guinevan (AG)

LRSDC: Mr Martin Murphy (MM)
Mr Mick Davoren (MD)
Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

VENUE: Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillors Kieran Binchy and Chris Andrews.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 16 June 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 it had been quite a busy period since the last meeting of the Stadium Community Committee. He said that the period in time had included an AC/DC concert, the Ireland v Scotland and Ireland v Wales friendly rugby internationals and the Ireland v Georgia and Ireland v Germany Euro qualifiers. He noted that pitch renovations had taken place over a five week period during the period under discussion.

He also updated the meeting on a fire which had destroyed a section of the back pitch. He said that this had taken place on 11 October and had definitely been done deliberately with one side of the pitch cladding being soaked in petrol. This had then been set alight. The fire damage had spread to 30 metres of the pitch which had been destroyed. He said that the bill to rectify the damage would be in excess of €50,000.

He noted that between now and the end of the year there were a number of fixtures planned, The first of these would take place on the coming Sunday which was a double header of the Women's FAI Cup Final and the Men's FAI Cup Finals. He noted that the Women's Finals would commence at 12:20pm with the Men's Final commencing at 3:30pm.

Following this there would be the second leg Euro play-off against Bosnia which would take place on Monday 17 November. The final fixture of the year will be Leinster v Toulon Champions Cup rugby match which is scheduled to take place on 19 December.

5. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG updated the meeting in relation to same. He confirmed that he had checked out the queries raised at the previous SCC meeting. He said he could confirm that mobile goalposts being provided would be used by all soccer clubs in the area. He also noted that in relation to the work to be carried out on the railway bridges that Irish Rail had given permission and that they were also part of the team financing the project. He said that on the back of the information received that he had confirmed to both parties that they would be receiving grants.

He noted that of the 32 projects which had been given grants that approximately 25% of these had already drawn the monies down. He said that others were in the process of doing so. He confirmed that he was writing to any outstanding projects at the end of the year asking them for an update.

He noted that the SCC had been invited by News4 to attend their function on the coming Friday. He said he would circulate details of same.

In conclusion he noted that a number of projects had asked could their funding be held over to the start of the New Year. He said that he had agreed that this was in order.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

AG queried the situation in relation to traffic on match days. JMcC said that MD had provided a copy of the agreement for BADRA members. It was agreed that MD would produce 100 copies of the agreement which he would have laminated and provide to AG for circulation to the local community.

In relation to a query MD confirmed that there is meant to be a Garda presence at all major entrances to the area on match days. He noted that if there was evidence of situations where this did not happen that he would be happy to take it up with the Gardai on behalf of the local community.

AG / JMcC to provide such information directly to MD should the situation arise.

AG queried information on website information in relation to matches. He felt that this should be updated. MD said he would look into same.

JMcC noted that BADRA had held a very successful harvest fair event on the Dodder Walk. He said that DCC and the local business forum had been most helpful in assisting this. He said that it was a very safe area which accommodated quite a large number of people. He also thanked the stadium as a number of stadium staff had helped on the day. He said that BADRA hoped to hold a number of other events in the same area over the coming months.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place at 6:30pm, on January 19, in the usual venue of the Stadium Management offices.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee

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