

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:** Mr Frank Lambe (FL)

**COUNCILLORS:** Cllr Dermot Lacey (DL)  
Cllr Chris Andrews (CA)

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Silva Dorang- part (SD)

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

**VENUE:** Aviva Stadium Management Building

**1. APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies as all members of the SCC were present.

**2. SCC CHANGES:**

MM welcomed both FL and CA to the committee. It was noted that Bill Enright and Cllr Maria Parodi had both stepped down from the committee. Members of the SCC thanked them for their contribution noting that this should be recorded in the minutes.

JD and GP said that they would be stepping down and that new representatives from LADRA and BADRA would be submitted. DL/FL noted that these names needed to be submitted to the DCC Local Area Committee for ratification by the Councillors.

FL said he would put it on the agenda for next Monday's (8 September) Local Area meeting. He requested that LADRA and BADRA formally submit names in advance of that meeting. It was agreed that this would happen.

DL requested that it be formally recorded that the DL Area Manager would chair the meetings of the SCC. It was noted that this had been customary practice. All were in agreement that this should be formally recorded and that FL would chair the SCC going forward.

**3. PRESENTATION:**

At this point in the meeting SD made a presentation on the work which the stadium was doing with the local community. She noted that this work is outside of the investment being made by the stadium through the community fund.

In her presentation SD noted the relationship which the stadium is building with the local community in Sandymount through both its involvement in the Tidy Towns Committee and also in the Sandymount Business Network which was set up in February 2014. She said that these initiatives brought together local residents, local business and the stadium.

She noted that one of the areas being looked at was the promotion of Dublin 4 as a tourism destination. In that context she outlined what Dublin 4 had to offer for the tourist. She said that tourism had the ability to create jobs, generate extra business and contribute to an overall better quality of life for a local community.

It was agreed that details of her presentation should be put up on the Aviva Stadium website. SD to action.

CA suggested that the work being done in the Sandymount area could act as a template for similar initiatives in other areas around the stadium.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 4 February 2014 were an accurate record of the meeting. Agreed minutes to be put up on the Aviva Stadium website.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

DL queried whether or not there had been a further meeting of the SCC in the period between February and this meeting. RG said that a meeting had been arranged for early May in relation to the Community Fund but due to the unavailability of members of the committee that the Community Fund report and recommendations had been dealt with by each individual committee member by way of phone and email.

Following the meeting RG confirmed that while a meeting had been set up it had subsequently been cancelled.

As per the minutes of the previous meeting it was agreed that in future there would be four SCC meetings in any given year. RG to circulate possible dates for same once new SCC committee is finalised.

**6. OPERATIONS REVIEW:**

MM updated the committee on events. He noted that it has been a relatively quiet Summer but that events would begin again with the Ireland v Oman friendly soccer match on September 3. He noted that that was the only match scheduled for September.

Fixtures for October and November are as follows:

- October 4: Leinster v Munster Guinness Pro 12;
- October 11: Ireland v Gibraltar European Championships;
- 2 November: FAI Men's and Women's Cup Finals;

- 8 November: Ireland v South Africa Guinness Autumn Series; 16 November Ireland v Georgia Guinness Autumn Series;
- 18 November: Ireland v USA Friendly Soccer;
- 22 November Ireland v Australia Guinness Autumn Series.

There will be a further Leinster European match in December. Details of same to be confirmed at next meeting.

GP noted that he had had a complaint in relation to the Dodder Walk not being maintained properly by DCC. FL agreed that he meet with GP at the Dodder Walk and that they evaluate the situation.

DL noted that he had a complaint in relation to roads off Bath Avenue not being cleaned following a match earlier in the year. MD said that he was in close contact with DCC in relation to all cleansing issues.

## **7. COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated the meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He began by noting that there were eight projects outstanding from 2013 that had yet to draw down the funding. He noted that he had spoken to various organisations and agreed that the funding could be drawn down in 2014 but further noted that should it not be drawn down that it would be put back into the overall fund. He said that he had informed various organisations that should they wish to re-apply for any funding previously granted that there should be no problem in being awarded the funding but that this would be predicated on a new application.

In relation to BADRA he noted that an amount had been provided for various classes. He said that not all had been drawn down. GP undertook to provide an update in relation to same.

In relation to the 2014 fund he said that out of approximately 40 projects that over 30 had been awarded grants. He said that the various organisations applying had all been written to either confirming their grant or explaining to them why they would not be getting funding. He said that to date that approximately €90,000 had been allocated from the 2014 fund.

He said that this did not take into consideration any potential applications from Marian College nor in relation to the Clanna Gael project which required more information. RG said that he would contact Marian College for an update. He said he had already written to Clanna Gael and the likelihood is that should the project go live it will be considered for funding under the 2015 fund.

CA enquired as to the main details of the Community Fund. RG undertook to send on all documentation. RG also noted that the fund was now in its eighth year. He said that the fund concentrated on projects where the impact was on communities within a kilometre of the stadium.

RG also confirmed that he had been in touch with the Sean Moore Community Awards and had confirmed that the fund would support the next series of Awards.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

MM said that they would like to put on record his thanks to both JD and GP for their contribution to the SCC over quite a number of years. All at the meeting were unanimous in thanking them for that contribution.

**9. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting has been set for 25 November, at 6:30pm .

**RODDY GUINEY**

Hon Sec  
Stadium Community Committee

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