

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),
HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Frank Lambe (FL)
COUNCILLORS:	Cllr Chris Andrews (CA) Cllr Kieran Binchy (KB)
LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr Alf Guinevan (AG)
LRSDC:	Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Mick Davoren (MD) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
ALSO PRESENT (part):	Mr Paul Meany (PM)
VENUE:	Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies as all members of the SCC were present. FL noted that a new representative for BADRA had still to be appointed. He said he was hopeful that the person would be appointed at their AGM and that he would be in a position to take the local community representatives appointment forward to the next DCC Local Area Council meeting for ratification.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 2 September 2014 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 from the minutes that would not be dealt with under the normal business of the current meeting.

4. OPERATIONS:

MM noted that there had been six major events on in the stadium since the last SCC meeting. He noted that the international rugby matches against South Africa and Australia had both been full houses. He said there had been no issues in relation to any of the games. He noted that the only upcoming match in the stadium was Leinster v Harlequins on 13 December. He noted that this was a 7:45pm kick-off.

The first events in the New Year are the Six Nations championship games against France and England.

5. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG updated the meeting on the situation in 2014. He said that in 2014 a decision had been taken to support 30 projects out of almost 40 possible applications. To date thirteen of the 30 projects had received funding. He said that there were 17 further projects that were outstanding. He noted that he would be contacting any of the outstanding projects with a view to explaining to them that funding needed to be drawn down in the early months of 2014.

Subsequent to the meeting (see next point) it was agreed that an amount from outstanding monies available in the 2014 fund would be granted to Marian College in relation to their sports hall project.

6. MARIAN COLLEGE PRESENTATION:

RG noted that PM, the Principal of Marian College would join the meeting shortly. He updated those present on the commitment given to Marian College in relation to their sports hall. He said that to date two tranches of funding had been given with a view to helping them develop their planning application and go through the planning process. He said there was a commitment to Marian College to support the project over a number of years. He said this commitment would enable the College to draw down a loan.

At this point in time PM joined the meeting. He gave an outline presentation in relation to the project. He also shared plans with the meeting which showed that the new sports hall would be built side by side with the existing swimming pool.

He said that the philosophy behind the new sports hall was exactly the same as that of the pool. While there would be a certain amount of school usage the sports hall will also be open to local clubs and also the local community.

He said that the creation of a sports hall would be beneficial in helping to create an income stream which would help in meeting pool costs.

He said that since he had last been at a meeting of the SSC that not alone had the project received full planning permission but that it had also received support both from the Marist Brothers and from the Department of Education.

He said that he was looking towards the Stadium Community Fund to support over a six year period rather than the original 15 year period which had been envisaged. PM noted that he would be applying to the Community Fund for support for the project.

At this point in time PM left the meeting. A discussion ensued among the committee in relation to possible support. RG said that he felt that it might be possible to find some monies from the current year's community fund. It was agreed to combine these monies with a grant from the 2015 fund. RG was instructed to write to PM in relation to the support noting that it was for the year 2015.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

AG brought up the subject of graffiti around the stadium. Both MM and MD said that this had become an increasing problem with areas being re-graffitied as quickly as they had been restored. He said currently the stadium was in discussion with CIE in relation to cameras.

AG also brought up the subject of clean-up after major events. He said that in the main this seemed to go well but there was a residue of rubbish which had either been dropped into or blown into the gardens in Shelbourne Road. FL noted that DCC staff could not actually go into the gardens. MD said that if AG cleared it with the households on Shelbourne Road that he would provide a number of staff to take any such litter out of the gardens.

AG also queried the use of large screens for advertising purposes around matches. MM noted that while any such usage outside the stadium was not the responsibility of the stadium that they would look into the situation in relation to big screens being used inside the ground and discuss same with the IRFU.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting has been set for 17 February, at 6:30pm . Meeting to take place in stadium building as usual.

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Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee

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