

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AVIVA STADIUM PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 2013

ATTENDANCE

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| LOCAL COMMUNITY: | Mr John Dodd (JD) |
| DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: | Ms Eileen Quinlivan (EQ) |
| COUNCILLORS: | Cllr Dermot Lacey (DL) Cllr Maria Parodi (MP) |
| LRSDC: | Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Mick Davoren (MD) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG) |
| VENUE: | Aviva Stadium Management Building |

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Bill Enright and Greg Pepper.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 24 June 2013 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 FAI would not be in attendance given the away international game on that evening.

MD noted that additional toilets, external to the Stadium, had been put in position for the most recent fixtures. He said there seemed to be general consensus that this had worked well. He said that future fixtures/concerts would be evaluated on a case by case basis with a view to seeing what additional facilities should be put in place.

DL requested that the additional toilets be better signposted. MD agreed to ensure that this happened.

RG noted that he would take the matters arising in relation to the Community Fund under that heading at the meeting.

There followed a discussion in relation to an appropriate title for the PMC. This subject had been raised at the previous meeting. Everyone was in agreement that the current title "Project Monitoring Committee" had been more appropriate during the development phase of the Stadium. Following a discussion it was agreed that the name of the committee would be changed to the Stadium Community Committee (SCC).

In relation to a query from DL MM confirmed that all of the funds for the Community Fund come directly from the stadium funds and are not part of an Aviva (company) contribution.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM gave an update in relation to operations. He said that since the last meeting of the PMC that there had been two events namely the Liverpool v Celtic friendly and the Ireland v Sweden World Cup match. He said both had been full houses. He said that there had been a small number of complaints namely in relation to litter and that these had been dealt with.

Looking forward he noted that the next event planned for the Stadium was the Roger Waters "The Wall" concert which will take place on September 18. He said a crowd of 25,000 was expected for this event.

In October there is one event scheduled – the Final World Cup qualifying matching against Kazakhstan.

MM noted that November would be a busy month with FAI Cup Final followed by the Autumn Rugby Internationals against Samoa, Australia and New Zealand.

5. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG updated the meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He said that since the last meeting he had written to all the people / organisations that had made grant applications for the 2013 fund. In the case of organisations not received funding they received an explanation in relation to same in the letter.

He noted that a number of the organisations had already started to draw down the funding.

He noted that there were a number of grants still to be paid out for 2012. He said that in the past week he had written to those organisations explaining to them that the monies must be drawn down by the end of this year. He said he had also explained that failing that they could re-apply for the grant in 2014. Any monies not being drawn down would be carried forward into the 2014 fund.

RG noted that a meeting which was to have been set up between the independent assessor with representatives of BADRA and LADRA had had to be postponed as the independent assessor was unfortunately unavailable due to impending surgery. It was agreed that RG would meet with BADRA/LADRA with a view to discussing how best the funding would be provided for the two organisations going forward. RG to set up meeting.

JD queried what had happened in relation to the query concerning Lansdowne Road Tennis Club project. RG said that funding had been allocated for the year in question but that he had written to the Tennis Club explaining that in future years support would be given through the LADRA/BADRA Summer Camps programme. (Following the meeting RG confirmed that this was the case.)

RG also noted that he had gone back to the Ballsbridge Dodder Residents Association explaining that the individual projects applied for would not be supported but offering them support for a function as discussed at the last PMC meeting.

RG said that support would continue to be given for functions such as Christmas parties as per the level agreed at previous meetings of the PMC.

6. SEAN MOORE COMMUNITY AWARDS:

It was agreed that the Community Fund would support the Sean Moore Community Awards going forward. RG explained that he had had a meeting in relation to same since the last meeting and that he could confirm that the awards would have the backing of D4 News. He also noted that a committee would be set up to administer the awards as before and that this would not necessitate the PMC becoming involved in such work.

RG to meet with DL and D4 News with a view to teasing out exact details of the awards including how the stadium's involvement would be publicised.

7. MARIAN COLLEGE:

RG noted that he had met with Marian College in relation to the sports hall project. He also circulated correspondence from Marian College in relation to same. He noted that while the bank had agreed to support the project to a certain level that monies also needed to be raised directly by the College. He said that most of these monies were now in position but that the College still needed to bridge a gap.

He said that the College was confident that the funding would be totally in position in the near future. On the basis of that they had applied to draw down this year's payment from the fund in order to commence on a new tendering and planning process. He said that it was anticipated that planning would take some 12 months as would the building programme. He said that if the intention was that the facility would be available both to the school and the local community by September 2015.

On the basis of this all were agreed that RG should write to the College to confirm that the funding would be made available.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

JD queried publication of the minutes on the Aviva Stadium website. He said that there seemed to be only one set of minutes there. RG to check in relation to same and to come back to JD.

9. NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, 26 November, in the Aviva Stadium Management Building. The meeting will be followed by dinner.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee
12 September 2013

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