

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AVIVA STADIUM PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL, 2013

ATTENDANCE

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

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Dermot Lacey (DL)

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: Ms Eileen Quinlivan (EQ)

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

VENUE: Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. **WELCOME:**

MM welcomed Ms Quinlivan who is taking over as chairman of the Committee following the resignation of Anthony Flynn. EQ noted that AF has transferred from the South East Area to the South Central Area EQ is the new executive manager for the South East Area.

2. **APOLOGIES:**

It was noted that apologies had been received from Cllr Maria Parodi.

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

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 11 March were an accurate record of the meeting. Agreed minutes to be put up on the Aviva Stadium website.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

JD queried as to whether the FAI had been invited to send a representative to the meeting as per the last minutes. MM said that it was felt that it would be more

appropriate to have them at the June meeting given that the meeting would be scheduled close to the next two soccer occasions in the stadium. MD to organise to invite the FAI to the meeting.

DL queried the situation in relation to drinking in the bowl at soccer internationals. MM said that this was not allowed at soccer games.

MD noted that he had met with GP subsequent to the last meeting with a view to scoping out where toilet facilities might be placed around the ground on match days. H said the concentration of these had been on the Bath Avenue side of the ground. JD suggested that there were issues also on the other side of the ground and an overall plan needed to be prepared in relation to such toilet facilities.

MD said that he would continue to work with the local community with a view to identifying locations. He said these would then need to be agreed with DCC as the putting in of the facilities would be a joint venture between the stadium and DCC.

5. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM updated the meeting on operations. He noted that the only event since the previous meeting had been the Ireland v Austria which had attracted a capacity of 35,000. He said that there had been no complaints in relation to same from the local community. He said there were a number of minor issues internal to the stadium.

MM said that the upcoming occasions included:

- Heineken Cup Final (18 May).
- Soccer international v Georgia and FAI Junior Cup Final (2 June).
- Ireland v Faroe Islands World Cup qualifier (7 June).
- Robbie Williams Concert (14 June).
- Rihanna concert (21 June).

GP queried the arrangements around the Heineken Cup Final. MD said that the fanzone would be in Merrion Square and that fans would walk up to the ground from there. It was noted that the Dodder Walk would be fully open on both sides for the game but that Londonbridge would remain closed.

6. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG updated the meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that there were a number of projects still to draw down funding from the 2012 grants but he said this was perfectly normal at this juncture. He said that all grants for 2012 needed to be drawn down before the end of 2013.

He noted that some 33 applications had been received to date for the 2013 fund.

Subsequent to the meeting the first tranche of applications for funding closed with a total of 40 applications.

RG outlined the process from here on. He said that all the entries would be collated into one document for circulation. Following a brief discussion on this it was agreed that full copies of all the documentation would simply be re-produced for the stadium, for EQ and for Philip Land, the independent assessor. Everyone else happy to receive the abbreviated form which RG had tabled at the meeting,

RG said that once the independent assessor had all the applications that he would contact the various organisations with a view to setting up meetings. Once he had met with all of them he would make his recommendations on projects that should or should not receive funding and also the amount of funding.

RG said he would hope to have the independent assessor's report to the PMC in advance of the next PMC meeting. He said that at that meeting decisions should be taken on whether or not the Committee with the independent assessors recommendations or whether changes needed to be made.

There was a brief discussion on the scheme, the applications received to date for the 2013 fund. Members of the committee requested that RG bring some potential issues to the attention assessor. RG agreed to do this.

RG noted that he had been in contact with Marian College in relation to the major project which the fund had agreed to support. He noted that Marian had indicated that discussions with the Dept of Education and Skills (DES) were at an advanced stage. He noted that Marian college said they would keep the PMC fully brief in relation to same.

RG noted that the College had also said that the Past Pupils Union of the College were holding a major fund-raising project in mid May. RG to keep all apprised of updates in relation to this project.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

MM briefed the meeting on the boxing initiative which has been held over the past two years. He said this would be taking place again and it was hoped to launch same before end May.

8. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, 12 June, at 6:30pm, in the Aviva Stadium Management Building.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec
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3 May 2013

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