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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AVIVA STADIUM PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 2011

ATTENDANCE

LOCAL COMMUNITY:

Mr Greg Pepper (GP)
Mr John Dodd (JD)

COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Dermot Lacey (DL)
Cllr Maria Parodi (MP)

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:

Mr Michael O'Neill (MON)
Mr Gerry Folan (GF)

LRSDC:

Mr Martin Murphy (MM)
Mr Mick Davoren (MD)
Mr Bill Enright (BE)
Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
Mr Les McLindon (LMcL)

VENUE:

Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies as all members of the PMC were in attendance.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting of Wednesday, 9 November, 2011, were agreed with one revision. GP noted that he had asked for a procedure to be put in place in relation to any potential future flooding. This was noted and minutes suitably amended.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

RG noted that he had responded to JD's request for note sent by FAI following the Northern Ireland games earlier this year.

MON said that he was continuing to look into the query regarding noise pollution following The Script concert. He said that currently he had referred the matter to the Planning Department and that he would update the PMC at the next meeting in relation to this.

DL said that the matter in relation to the Ballsbridge Traders was currently on hold as the Traders were currently focused on the damage brought about by the recent flooding.

GP requested that the report compiled by Michael Slattery and Associates re traffic flows be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

GP also requested that the issue in relation to the re-opening of the underpass on the Purple Route also be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. **FLOODING UPDATE:**

GP reiterated his query in relation to what preventive measures were being taken in relation to possible flooding at a future date. MM updated the meeting in relation to same.

MM said that the exceptional rainfall had caused the flooding. He noted that the Swan Culvert which ran under the stadium's property had received such a volume of water that it was unable to disgorge this water into the Dodder River as normal. This had resulted in a back-up of the water and a manhole cover inside the stadium popped up.

As a result of this flooding had occurred both inside the stadium and also in O'Connell Gardens and Havelock Square. He said that measures had now been taken to reinforce the manhole cover so that this could not occur again in the future.

MM noted that the stadium had attended a South Area meeting of Dublin City Council that morning and had outlined the situation in relation to what had happened at the stadium.

GP queried the situation in relation to the various tanks for holding water in the stadium. He said that any water in the tanks was pumped out to the Dodder River. He noted that the major difference between what happened with the stadium tanks as against the Swan Culvert was that the water from the stadium tanks was pumped out under pressure so did reach the river whereas the waters in the Swan Culvert went into the river through gravity and when the flow of the river was as high as it was on the night of the flooding this had caused the back-up of waters and ultimately the flooding.

GP queried whether the stadium tanks could be used to take flood waters. MM noted that this question had also been asked at the South East Area meeting and that even if the stadium could be configured to take such water that it would not solve the problems on the night. Such were the volumes of water on the night that the stadium tanks would have filled up in less than five seconds. He reiterated that it was not a case of the stadium tanks being full of water as water

was constantly being pumped out of them.

It was agreed that MM would request that Mr John Harte, the stadium's engineer, would come to the next PMC meeting with a view to answering any further questions and also to providing the technical details as to the Swan Culvert, stadium tanks, etc.

MON said that the Swan Culvert was the responsibility of DCC. He said that currently a report was being compiled in relation to what happened and same would be given to the Councillors once this became available.

5. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM noted that the only match played since the last PMC meeting had been the game against Estonia. He said there had been no issues reported. All concurred with this. The only further match this side of Christmas is the Leinster match against Bath (Saturday 17 December).

6. COMMUNITY FUND:

The recommendations made by the independent assessor in relation to the Autumn Winter tranche of funding were debated. All members of the PMC had received the recommendations in advance of the meeting. In general there was agreement with the recommendations made by Mr Land.

It was agreed that if there was a sum of money available from the fund that the monies requested by the Dublin South East Boxing Club be increased to include purchase of the second ring. All were in agreement with this.

In relation to the application for a local history project by Sandymount, Irishtown and Ringsend Community Services RG noted that the applicants said that they would come back in 2012. DL said he would discuss same with those involved.

In response to a query concerning Christmas and Summer parties RG noted that when the fund was originally set up that it had been agreed that any investment in such events in the local community would be capped at a maximum of €10K for the year. He noted that this limit was being adhered to.

In relation to a proposal from BADRA concerning hanging flower baskets on Bath Avenue and Londonbridge Road DL noted that DCC might have some unused baskets which they might utilise. He said he would look into same.

There was a brief discussion in relation to the number of projects submitted by the two local residents associations. JD and GP undertook to discuss same further with a view to considering how best the fund might best be assessed in future years. Consideration will be given to a sum of money being set aside for BADRA and LADRA. In this instance the two organisations would prioritise projects that needed to be done in the year. Same to be discussed further at the next meeting.

RG confirmed that PMC had agreed to fund one major project over the coming years. Further consideration as to what kind of project might be funded to be discussed at January PMC meeting.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

MP noted that complaints in relation to urination in public at Bath Avenue Gardens. She asked would it be possible to find out did the Gardai patrol this area. MD said he would bring up the matter with the Gardai and revert with a reply.

GP said he had complaints from a number of residents in phoning the stadium. He said they had not been treated in a very professional manner. MM requested that he get further details and said he would look into same.

JD queried whether or not people attending Christmas functions were let out into Lansdowne Lane. He was reassured that this was never the case.

JD also queried the queue of taxis on Lansdowne Road and Shelbourne Road. MD said he would mention this to Gardai at their next meeting and would revert at next PMC meeting.

8. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 31 January, at 6:30pm, in the Stadium Management Building, at 6:30pm.

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