

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LANSDOWNE ROAD PROJECT  
MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:** Ms Eileen Brady, Chairperson (EB)  
Mr Gerry Folan (GF)

**LOCAL COMMUNITY:** Mr Greg Pepper (GP)

**ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:** Councillor Kevin Humphreys (KH)  
Councillor Dermot Lacey (DL)

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr Les McLindon (LMcL)

**VENUE:** 62 Lansdowne Road

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Mr Michael Greene and Mr John Dodd.

**2. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting of 13 April 2010 were agreed. Same to be changed from draft minutes to agreed minutes and put up on the LRSDC website.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**

KH queried what was the procedure for lights being left on in the stadium. He noted that lights had been left on until 1am the previous night.

MM noted that they were currently experiencing some teething problems with the lighting circuits. These are being looked in. He said that all problems in relation to lighting would be sorted out in the near future.

KH queried a situation in relation to CCTV cameras. LMcL said that cameras should be set not to overlook any houses. He said he would look into the particular instance cited and would report back on same.

KH said that he wished to have it acknowledged that a problem previously cited in relation to a halogen light being left on had been fixed promptly.

In response to a query regarding working hours over the previous Saturday and Sunday. MM said that it was expected that normal hours would be adhered to from hereon in.

KH also mentioned remarks he had received in relation to glare. He stressed that these were not complaints but they were negative nevertheless. MM said the situation continued to be monitored.

Both KH and DL registered their unhappiness in relation to protocol and the Lord Mayor at the official opening on 14 May. MM said that he wished to assure them that there was no intention whatsoever to slight the Lord Mayor and that the event had been treated as a national event and protocol had been implemented in accordance with same.

MM further noted that all party leaders, TDs and Councillors from the area had all been invited to the official opening. All present at the meeting had felt that the official opening of the stadium had gone well.

#### **4. OPEN DAY:**

MM noted that there would be an Open Day for the local community on Saturday, 29 May. RG noted that those invited would be those who normally received the newsletter. KH and DL requested that those living on the streets on the opposite side of Bath Avenue also be included e.g. Derrynane Gardens, etc.

RG also to write to LADRA and BADRA with a view to ensuring that they let their members know.

In addition to the Open Day MM noted that there would be two further days when members of the general public could visit the stadium. These are a family day on 19 June and a further day on 11 July. Both of these latter days are being organised by Aviva.

#### **5. MONITORING REPORT:**

RG noted that the current monitoring regime was coming to an end and would do so at the end of the construction programme.

In relation to dust he said that there had been a number of minor exceedances due to the dry weather. He said a number of complaints were received regarding dust on windows and roads during April. Window washing and additional road sweeping activities were commenced in response to those complaints.

In relation to noise he said that while there was no statutory limits that monitoring had indicated noise levels as being well within any normal construction limits.

He noted a number of complaints that had been received in relation to noise emissions from testing equipment such as fire alarms, air conditioning, extract fans and the PA system. He said all such activities had been required and were permitted by Dublin City Council. He said that anyone complaining had had a full explanation in relation to same.

He noted that noise and dust monitoring equipment was scheduled to be removed from the site in the next month due to the decreasing levels of construction related activities. He further noted that this had been agreed in full with Dublin City Council and notification would be included in any project updates.

It was noted that in all 21 complaints had been received during the period. These were made up of 9 noise, 7 lights, 2 dust, one in relation to trees, one window cleaning and one rodents. All have been investigated thoroughly.

GP queried the system in relation to testing the sound system. It was noted that levels had to be such that the sound had to be heard over a 50,000 crowd.

GP also queried the situation in relation to concerts. MM noted that levels of sounds around concerts would be monitored not alone by the stadium but directly by DCC.

#### **6. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

RG noted that the following was the situation in relation to construction:

- Works on the main stadium are complete with the exception of some small discreet areas within the building and some minor snagging items.
- The majority of works on the DART forecourt have been completed. Steel works and railings will complete over the coming weeks.
- Stadium management building is on target for completion by the end of May.
- The underground car park is on target for completion mid June.
- The back pitches are on target for completion early July.
- The Lansdowne clubhouse is on target for completion in late July 2010.

#### **7. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

RG noted that the communications programme was continuing as in previous months. The newsletter continues to go out on a regular basis.

He further noted that information on the web could now be accessed at [www.avivastadium.ie](http://www.avivastadium.ie) in the Community section of the website.

He noted that the next newsletter was due to go out later the same week. Details of the Open Day for residents would be contained in that.

It was agreed that the newsletter should continue to go out on a regular basis until the end of August when construction is complete. Then it will revert to a more infrequent basis.

It was noted that if there were any exceptional items, however, that a special newsletter would be done for them. Otherwise newsletters will be done as appropriate to keep the local community informed as to fixtures, concerts, etc.

#### **8. COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG noted that all members of the PMC had received copies of the recommendations from the independent assessor. He further noted that as per the agreement that the fund was now broken down into three areas as follows:

- Infrastructural projects
- Community development / education
- Festivals and events

He further noted that the independent assessor had followed instructions and that the first tranche of funding had come in slightly over €50,000.

Funding had been requested for almost €200,000 across the 36 projects. The amount of the fund due to be distributed was €50,000. It had been agreed at the previous meeting that this amount would be adhered to in order to allow a second tranche of €50,000 for the second half of the year.

He noted that observations had been received both from Mr Michael Greene and Mr John Dodd who were not present at the meeting.

Following a discussion on the funding it was agreed that funding as outlined in the report from the independent assessor should be accepted.

RG to contact all those who had applied for funding with a view to updating them. He noted that where an organisation would not be getting funding that the reasons why would be explained to them.

Following a query from DL RG noted that organisations not getting funding could apply in the second tranche or even next year. This information will be conveyed to them in the letter going out to them. This will not apply to anybody who has applied but who is outside the 1km limit.

RG noted that that procedure was that everyone would now be written to and successful organisations would be asked to produce invoices, etc before funds could be drawn down.

DL asked that in the next tranche of funding that groups that could not access funding elsewhere should be looked at more favourably.

All present at the meeting felt strongly that acknowledgement should be given by organisations getting funded. RG noted that this was currently requested in the letter going to organisations.

It was suggested that organisations be asked to provide a short synopsis of what they were using the funding for. Same could then be put up on the Aviva Stadium website. RG to incorporate this in any letter.

KH queried discussion at previous meeting in relation to an application from Havelock Square concerning professional advice. RG to discuss same with MG.

## **9. LIST OF CONTACTS:**

MM agreed to circulate a list of contacts and contact numbers to all on the PMC. He also noted that the hotline would be kept going once the stadium had opened. This would be linked to stadium security at all times.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

KH queried use of part of the stadium for small meetings by members of the local community. MM said that this was still very much on the agenda but that the area which was being considered for same had yet to be completed. It was agreed that MM would update all at the next meeting.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that PMC meetings would continue on a monthly basis until such time as a number of events had taken place.

It was agreed that the next PMC meeting would take place on **Tuesday, 22 June**, at 6:30pm. Venue will either be in 62 Lansdowne Road or a room in the stadium. RG to confirm same closer to the time.

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