

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LANSDOWNE ROAD PROJECT  
MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:** Ms Eileen Brady, Chairperson (EB)

**LOCAL COMMUNITY:** Mr John Dodd (JD)

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

**LRSDC:** Mr Michael Greene (MG)  
Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr Pat Molloy (PM)  
Mr Les McLindon (LMcL)

**VENUE:** 62 Lansdowne Road

**1. APOLOGIES:**

It was noted that apologies had been received from Mr Gerry Folan, Mr Greg Pepper and Mr Martin Murphy.

**2. WELCOME:**

EB welcomed JD to the committee. She noted that the elected representatives of the local community were now JD and GP.

3. **COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:**

MG proposed that MM would replace RG as the stadium representative on the committee. He further proposed that RG would continue in his capacity as Hon Sec to the committee and would also continue to manage the community fund and the relationship with the independent assessor. All present were in agreement with this course of action.

4. **MEETING PROCEDURE:**

MG said that he felt it might be best that in future anyone not involved directly with the Committee would come to the early part of the meeting, make their presentation and then leave. KH endorsed this and said he supported the practice of reading in reports into the minutes as an alternative (as per Item 7 below). It was agreed that this would happen in future.

5. **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the last meeting of Tuesday, 1 September 2009, were agreed. Same to be changed from draft minutes to agreed minutes and put on the LRSDC website. It was noted that the current meeting of 19 October had replaced the meeting scheduled in the original minutes for 12 October which had subsequently been postponed.

6. **MATTERS ARISING:**

It was agreed that there would be no matters arising that wouldn't be covered under the normal business of the meeting.

7. **MONITORING UPDATE:**

RG noted that a monitoring update for the seven week period in question had been received from Ms Mags Dalton. He outlined the main points in the report to the meeting. These were as follows::

- Currently discussions are under way with DCC in relation to the monitoring regime going forward. Given the progress on the stadium monitoring is no longer relevant to some of the areas. The intention is to agree with DCC the best programme of monitoring going forward to ensure that all potential issues are monitored.
- Monitoring results for September and early October for noise had been comparable to previous periods and in line with baseline readings for the site.
- Results have been submitted to DCC as required on a continuous basis. No comments have been received.
- There was an increase in dust levels since September due to the dry nature of the month. As a result Sisk was instructed to increase water dampening as necessary. Since then dust levels have improved significantly.
- Vibrations levels for September were low with only one result over the amber warning level (but not above the red warning light). This is due to local interference with the meter in question and action was taken immediately.

- All surface water and ground water samples taken were compliant with both the licence and background levels.
- Copies of the six month monitoring report for April to September 2009 had been sent to DCC offices in Portview House in Ringsend and Ringsend Library where they are available to view.

#### 8. **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

PM updated the meeting in relation to construction. He noted that:

- Work is continuing on the gable end of No 68 Shelbourne Road. Agreement has been agreed on the right brick to use. The project's conservation architect, has passed the brick and also the building methodology.
- Foundations are currently being put in for the gates to the stadium from the Shelbourne Road entrance.
- Work is ongoing on the new boundary wall that leads down to No 62 Lansdowne Road.
- The decorative techrete panels on the steps and the podium are well underway. Work is also continuing on the handrail and lighting in the podium area.
- Work continues on the DART forecourt. Currently work includes the connecting of the station into the existing underpass to the stadium.
- Work on the stadium offices building has reached the second floor
- Work on the cladding is progressing satisfactorily.
- The steel work on the roof at the north end of the stadium will be completed in the next few weeks and cladding will then commence in this area.
- The main roof is now self supporting with the original propping towers now having been removed.
- The pitch contractor is now on site and is preparing to put in the pitch sub-structure. Work will be well underway in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Works continue on the fitting out of all areas of the stadium.
- The hoarding on Lansdowne Road is starting to come down. An open mesh fence will be put in its place to ensure stadium security.

PM noted that the work is still completely on schedule for an April 2010 completion.

In response to a query from DL MG confirmed that No 68 Shelbourne Road will continue as a private residence. He noted that this house was owned by the IRFU and not the stadium.

In response to a query from KH in relation to glare MG said that a report on possible glare had been prepared as part of the original planning application. MG said that he had a copy of the report.

He said that this was quite a technical report but he would ask one of the stadium architects to put it into layman's language and that same would be appended to the minutes when ready.

**9. NIGHT POSSESSIONS:**

PM noted that permission had been sought from CIE to work next Friday (23 October) and Saturday (24 October) nights. Currently the stadium is awaiting approval from DCC in relation to these night possessions.

The work to be undertaken includes work around the DART station and forecourt and also the installation of an escalator to the podium. None of this work could be under undertaken during normal working hours and should be relatively quiet.

**10. DODDER WALK UPDATE:**

PM confirmed that DCC/OPW sheet piling work on the stadium side of the Dodder was complete. Work continues on the stone clad wall and also on the raised embankment. PM confirmed that the Dodder Walk would be open by the end of November. At that time all the paths, fencing, lighting and planting will be complete.

EB noted that the walk on the other side of the Dodder Walk would also be open by end November.

**11. COMPLAINTS:**

MG noted that seven complaints had been received over the seven week period. He said that these broke down into parking (3), rubbish (1), dust (1), vibration (1) and glare (1).

In relation to the parking complaints he said it needed to be remembered that there were legal parking spots around the stadium. He said that all of the contractors had been asked to request their staff not to park close to the stadium.

In relation to the query regarding rubbish he said that while this was not caused by the stadium that they had cleared it up.

In relation to dust during September he noted that additional damping down of the roads had been undertaken.

The complaint in relation to vibration concerned work to the old Swan Culvert subdivision work which is being monitored.

The complaint in relation to glare had been looked at. He noted that any glare/reflection in the stadium was not hazardous. It was agreed, however, that LMCL would contact the person concerned with a view to discussing the problem further.

**12. SWAN CULVERT UPDATE:**

MG noted that work was well underway on the stadium boundary wall backing on to O'Connell Gardens.

He noted that work on the wall would be completed by end November.

In answer to an query in relation to the holes in the wall MG stressed that these were not drainage holes. He said they were called 'weep holes'. He said that as the wall in question was a retaining wall so water could never be trapped on either side of the wall. He said that there would be no significant flow of water out of the holes.

PM undertook to look at any potential flow and to update the PMC on same. Again information to be circulated with the minutes.

**13. COMMUNICATIONS:**

RG said the communications programme was continuing as in previous months. The newsletter continues to go out on a fortnightly basis while [www.lrsdc.ie](http://www.lrsdc.ie) continues to give more up-to-date information where appropriate. He noted that it was likely that the same frequency of information would continue through to the end of the construction phase.

**14. COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated the meeting in relation to Community Fund. He noted that:

- There is approximately €35,000 left in the fund to cover the projects in the second tranche.
- 12 projects have recently been assessed by the independent assessor. His report is due within the coming week.
- A further application is pending in relation to a number of Christmas functions. Same not received as yet.

RG agreed to send on a copy of the 12 projects currently being assessed to JD.

RG noted that the independent assessor wished to come to the next meeting of the PMC with a view to discussing the progress of the two years and also a number of issues that have been identified.

**15. OPERATIONS REVIEW:**

MG noted that MM was currently on holidays.

Following a further discussion it was agreed that the next PMC meeting (scheduled for **Thursday, 19 November**) would start at 6pm. There would be two main items on the agenda as follows:

- Meeting with independent assessor

➤ Review of operations

In relation to the Operations Review element EB said that she would be happy to receive inputs to create an agenda for this part of the meeting. It was suggested that items such as public order, street vendors, spillover onto pavements from pubs etc should all form part of the agenda. It was agreed that a traffic management plan would be discussed as part of this element of the meeting. EB's email address to which agenda items should be sent is [eileen.brady@dublincity.ie](mailto:eileen.brady@dublincity.ie). Any items for inclusion to be with EB by 12 November.

KH said that he believed that integrated ticketing needed to be part of the new stadium going forward. MG reiterated what was said at the previous meeting that the FAI/IRFU were not in favour of sharing their match revenue with CIE. All present were in agreement that any policy in relation to the use transportation needed to be in place before the stadium opens for the first game.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

MG noted that the stadium would shortly be advertising for stewards in the local area. Such advertising would be contained in the weekly newsletter and also on the web. It was suggested that consideration also be given to News 4.

EB raised correspondence received in relation to Capital D TV programme. She requested that same be noted. The matter will be deferred until the next meeting.

**17. NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next PMC meeting would take place on **Thursday, 19 November, at 6pm**, in the offices of LRSDC, 62 Lansdowne Road.

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