

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AVIVA STADIUM PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 2011

ATTENDANCE

LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr Greg Pepper (GP) Mr John Dodd (JD)
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:	Councillor Dermot Lacey (DL) Councillor Maria Parodi (MP)
DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Michael O'Neill (MON) Mr Gerry Folan (GF)
LRSDC:	Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG) Mr Les McLindon (LMcL)
VENUE:	Aviva Stadium Management Building

- 1. APOLOGIES:**
Apologies were received from Mr Bill Enright (BE) and Mr Mick Davern (MD).
- 2. MINUTES:**
The minutes of the previous meeting of Tuesday, 30 August, 2011, were agreed. Same to be changed from draft minutes to agreed minutes and put up on the Aviva Stadium website.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING:**
RG noted that a response had been received from Mr Joe McGlue, chief security officer of the FAI, in response to the letter from the PMC. In the response, by email, the FAI acknowledged the dissatisfaction of the residents and said that the FAI would continue to work to prevent / minimise any disruption to residents living in the vicinity of the stadium.

MM said that, as agreed, the stadium had organised that Michael Slattery and Associates (MSA) would do a survey of road usage in relation to matches. He said that this had started with the Slovakia match and would continue for the upcoming Ireland v Armenia soccer match. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Leinster v Munster rugby match would also be included in the survey.

The purpose of the survey is to establish actual road usage particularly on Bath Avenue in relation to the various colour coded entrances to the ground.

MM also confirmed that he was awaiting a letter from the HSE in relation to the

overall policy concerning access for emergency vehicles during major events. He said that the HSE had verbally confirmed that the first response in the event of a requirement for medical assistance was by a paramedic on motorbike. In the event of an ambulance being used a Garda escort would be provided for this. MM said he would circulate the letter from the HSE once it had been received.

JD queried the situation in relation to music being played on the podium before and after rugby matches. MM said that the IRFU believed there were not in contravention of planning and that it was within their rights to have music playing at these points of time.

JD said he wished it recorded that the local community did not accept that music being played on the podium was part and parcel of an event. He further noted the fact that the allowed decibel level in relation to sound from the stadium was 53 decibels on the perimeter. MM said that he would ensure that the sound is monitored at the Six Nations matches if required. MM reassured the meeting that the stadium would take every measure to ensure that in so far as it was possible sound would be contained within the stadium.

DL said that in relation to all such matters that the PMC had an obligation to see that planning permission was being kept to. He requested that MON find out what is the penalty if the sound levels are exceeded.

In relation to the query at the last meeting of the PMC concerning the sound on the podium MM said that he had checked the website and there was no mention on the website of music being played on the podium.

MM also confirmed that in future the stadium would be providing two stewards at the junction of Bath Avenue and Shelbourne Road in order to provide directions. This would happen from the Armenia match onwards. This was in response to a request of the PMC.

GP queried the sound levels at the Script concert. MP said that she had sent a report to BADRA in relation to same and it was agreed that a more in-depth note in relation to the sound was required from DCC. MON to look into same.

MON queried the situation in relation to the lighting on the Dodder Walk. He noted that it did not appear that all the lighting had been taken into the DCC network. It was felt that there might be some minor legal problems but it was agreed by all that this was definitely going to happen.

GP queried the situation in relation to the underpass on the purple route which he believed forced more people to come down Bath Avenue. MM noted that this would be looked into as part of the survey currently being undertaken in relation to road usage.

4. **OPERATIONS UPDATE:**

MM said that there was nothing to report in relation to the overall operation. He noted that upcoming fixtures would include:

- Ireland v Armenia
- Leinster v Munster
- FAI Cup Final

➤ Leinster v Bath

5. BALLSBRIDGE TRADERS

DL said that the Ballsbridge Traders had been unhappy with their meeting with the stadium. Their biggest issue was in relation to traffic and they had requested a meeting with the PMC.

MM confirmed that he had met with them. He said that the meeting had taken place some nine months previously so he was more than surprised to hear that there were issues given that he had not heard anything in that period of time. He also noted that he had given some of the Traders his mobile number. DL said that from his discussions with the Traders he had been given the impression that the meeting had taken place much more recently.

MM said that if there were issues that he would appreciate getting notice of the issues and these could then be dealt with. Following a discussion it was agreed that DL and MM would deal with the Traders in the first instance. It was agreed that they would report back at the next meeting of the PMC.

6. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG said that almost of the money from the first tranche had now been distributed. He said that applications for the second tranche were coming in. The closing date for applications is 14 October.

In relation to a query from MP he outlined what happens in relation to applications. He said that initially all applications were acknowledged by way of a letter setting out what was going to happen. He said that copies of the applications were then circulated to members of the PMC to see if they had any views in advance of the independent assessor setting up meetings and meeting with all of the applicants.

He said that once the independent assessor had met with the applications that he prepared a report and made recommendations as to how much money is given to any project. He said that these recommendations then came back to the PMC where his recommendations could either be adopted or amended.

MM noted that he reported details of the community fund on an ongoing basis to the stadium board. He said at the last board meeting it had been suggested that perhaps it would be best to hold some of the fund each year with a view to funding one significant larger project.

Following a discussion at the meeting all were in agreement that in principle this was a good idea. Various possibilities in relation to a larger project were discussed.

RG suggested that it might be possible to identify a large project at an earlier date and commit to finance over a five year period. This might enable the project to draw down finance from the bank in advance.

RG noted that almost 130 projects had been supported and by the end of this year €500,000 would have been invested. JD said that it would be nice for members of the PMC to go to a number of the different projects. It was agreed

by all that fund and projects needed to be publicised more. RG suggested that he would ask D4 News whether they would be interested in featuring a different project every month. All were in agreement that this was a good idea.

RG noted that a function would take place in the stadium on 19 October in relation to presenting plaques to projects. He said all members of the PMC would receive invitations.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

MM updated the PMC on a number of projects that had taken place in recent months. He noted that an initiative with the Irish Amateur Boxing Association had resulted in over 1,000 people attending a boxing project in the stadium over a period of a month.

He also noted that the abseiling event in the stadium over the previous weekend which had raised €37,000 for the Chernobyl charity.

He said that there would be a breast cancer awareness event coming up later in the month. Part of the initiative would see the stadium being lit by pink lighting.

JD queried whether or not there had been a greater influx of seagulls in the area since the stadium had been built. MM noted that they bring in a kestrel on a regular basis with a view to chasing away the seagulls.

JP noted that under the planning permission the stadium was required to report in writing to the planning authority every June and July in relation to the work of the PMC in relation to the local community.

Following a discussion it was felt that copies of the minutes of the PMC meetings should be sent to the relevant person in DCC and at the end of the year. A consolidated set of the minutes should also be sent.

Following a query in relation to the community fund MM noted that this had been increased in line with inflation.

GP queried whether or not tickets might be made available. MM said that it was generally agreed that the provision of tickets was divisive and that the community fund had been set up in order to ensure that any community gain went to the maximum number of people.

GP queried allocation of community fund. He noted that maximum grants were now being set at 50%. He felt that in the areas adjacent to the stadium that these should revert to the original level of 70%. It was agreed by all present that this would be the case.

MP queried the situation in relation to Slattery's and the ChopHouse. GP noted that the situation had improved.

RG noted a situation where Slattery's had offered some sponsorship. He noted that it had been suggested to them that they approach the PMC in relation to same. LMCL to check out situation.

8. **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place in the Stadium Management Building, at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, 1 November, 2011.

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