

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2024

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Brian Hanney (BH) Cllr Danny Byrne (DB)
LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr. Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Graham Clinton (GC)
LRSDC:	Mr Daniel Wynne (DW) Mr Andrew Keegan (AK) Mr. Conor O'Neill Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
VENUE:	Aviva Stadium

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. CB and DF.

2. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

RG welcomed CO'N who he said would be replacing AK on the committee. AK will be stepping down in early 2025

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 24th September 2024 were an accurate record of that meeting. Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.

3. MATTERS ARISING

RG apologised to the meeting in relation to the proposed Sustainability Presentation by Aidan Byrne who is responsible for the stadium's extensive sustainability programme. He said that unfortunately Aidan was not available. DW to check on Aidan's availability for next proposed meeting on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

RG noted that any other matters arising could be covered in the other topics on the Agenda.

4. OPERATIONS REVIEW

DW began by looking back at the schedule of fixtures that included the Autumn Internationals, the FAI Cup Final, and both the men's and women's soccer internationals.

GC and AF said that they felt that the matches held on a Friday evening had worked well. They were all complimentary concerning the Women's international against Wales.

It was agreed that in the main that these had gone well. In that context it was noted that the leaflet drop detailing all matches and reminding local residents of arrangements for match days had been a success,

It was agreed that similar leaflets should be produced on a regular basis. Next leaflet to be circulated in January in advance of the start of the 6 Nations Championship. It was agreed that the next leaflet would be distributed to a wider area including Newbridge Avenue and any streets in this area.

GC and AF undertook to make suggestions as to this wider area. They said the information would go up on their websites and WhatsApp groups where appropriate.

It was agreed the signage re toilets outside the ground had been helpful.

All were in broad agreement that the SCC and DCC should continue to interact with the local businesses (in particular the pubs) as to asking them to ensure that their customers were more mindful of the local residential community in relation to both littering and urinating in private gardens. This topic to be kept on all future agendas of the SCC.

BH noted the DCC clean up after games and said that the area was being inspected on the Monday after games to ensure a comprehensive clean-up had been carried out.

DW went on to outline the programme of events in the first half of 2025. He said that there were only two 6 Nations games against England and France. He also noted the series of Leinster games during this period and pointed out that should Leinster do well in the ERC that they could well have a number of fixtures in the stadium during the knockout phase of the tournament.

DW also noted that next season's domestic league would begin with a Shamrock Rovers v Bohemians match which was scheduled for Sunday 16th February 2025 at 2.00pm.

He noted that there would be two concerts in June by Dua Lipa (27th June) and Lana del Rey (30th June). Both concerts are being promoted by MCD. AF and GC both commented on how well the Taylor Swift and Pink concerts, both also promoted by MCD , had gone in the current year.

It was agreed that DW would request that MCD meet with the SCC in advance of next year's concerts.

5. COMMUNITY FUND

RG updated meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that in the 6-month period since the funding had been confirmed that almost 70% of those receiving grants had already drawn down their funding.

He said that as promised he had redrafted both the Fund's T&C's and the Application form. He noted that he would be forwarding same to DW to put up on website.

He said that he would be reminding applicants for funding that they should read the conditions carefully. In particular he noted the condition that stated that funding would not be provided for projects that had already commenced. All projects had to be commenced, and if possible, completed, in the year May to May. This is the period covered by the fund and was put in place to suit applicants.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the new Garda Superintendent for the area was Marilyn Brosnan. She replaces Tim Burke who would be leaving his current position. Committee also noted that Walter Sweeney was retiring. AF and GC noted the great work he had done in relation to the local community.

BH noted that a new Covanta Fund was scheduled to be announced in April 2025.

DW noted that work had been completed on the repainting of the stadium gates.

AK noted that work had commenced on the refurbishment of a number of the houses owned by the IRFU.

GC noted the importance of having a strong Garda presence at all events in the stadium.

7. NEXT MEETING

A provisional date of Tuesday 25th February 2025 was put in diaries as a date for the first meeting of the SCC in 2025.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee
17 December 2024

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