

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY
24TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

ATTENDANCE

Dublin City Council:	Mr Brian Hanney (BH)
Local Community:	Mr. Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Graham Clinton (GC)
LRSDC:	Mr Daniel Wynne (DW) Mr Andrew Keegan (AK) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from DF, DB and CB.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 30th January 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 he had not checked on Aidan's availability before sending out the agenda and then found Aidan was on annual leave. This will now be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the SCC.

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

4. OPERATIONS REVIEW

DW began by referring back to the Pink and Taylor Swift Concerts and also the more recent events namely the Aer Lingus College Football Classic (24 August) and the Ireland v England soccer international (7 September).

Both GC and AG praised all involved with the staging of these events. They said that some of the practises adopted for these events could beneficially be incorporated in how future events were managed.

GC particularly commented on the after-match cleaning. He also noted the effective use of two-way radio in policing the crowds on Bath Avenue.

He suggested that in future signs should be erected on Bath Avenue directing fans to the various toilets that are erected for major events.

He also drew attention to the litter produced by local food outlets and questioned what could be done to alleviate this problem. In that context BH said that consideration should be given to all local food/ drink outlets reminding them that they had a duty to ensure their patrons did not litter as the businesses are responsible for such litter. BH to arrange for the Litter Wardens to visit these premises.

RG noted that food and drink businesses in the area were major beneficiaries of the events and as such they need to be part of the solution in solving the litter problem.

GM queried the parking by residents on streets during events. BH noted that the position, as confirmed by DCC, was as had been notified to all for the concerts, namely that *“Whilst road and traffic restrictions are in place for the duration the events in the Aviva Stadium, residents with residential parking permits whom are affected by the restrictions are permitted to park on surrounding streets using their permits.”*

It was agreed that BH would investigate further the use of residents parking permits for events in Croke Park.

All were in agreement that the leaflet drop informing residents of restrictions etc., in advance of the Taylor Swift and Pink concerts had been an excellent initiative. GC suggested that this might be considered on 3 or 4 occasions each year particularly when there would be a series of events coming up.

DW to consider how best to do this both in terms of the content and the timing of same e.g., before the Autumn Rugby Internationals for instance. GC and AG said that if the leaflets were created by the stadium that they could organise distribution in the areas covered by BADRA and LADRA.

DW to speak to Aidan Byrne in relation to the collection of plastic containers inside the stadium. These containers are currently used to raise money for 6 agreed charities. DW to ask Aidan Byrne to add information on this to the presentation to SCC.

AG noted the clean-up of Grand Canal Street and that this needed to be continued for future events. BH noted that when he had been informed of any areas being missed that these are built into future cleaning plans.

BH also noted that plans were being discussed to improve the public realm space outside Tesco.

AG queried the number of casual trading licences around major events. BH said he did not think additional licences had been issued but said he would check. AG also queried traders putting up merchandise on local railings which was noted. BH said this was illegal.

AG also queried bikes being locked to railings in Lansdowne Park. He said LADRA were now putting up signs to say this was illegal and that they would continue to do this as it had been working.

GC noted the spillover from pubs out on to the street and the fact that this was being accommodated with chairs. BH asked him to send on any photos he might have of same.

DW noted that there had been two problems with the PA system and Fire Alarm going off in the early hours of the morning. These faults had subsequently been rectified.

GC/AG queried the situation re the 24-hour phone line for complaints to the stadium out of hours. They said this was not always staffed. DW said the 24-hour line was to security and that he would ensure the correct number was up on the website.

DW also confirmed that the planned painting of Gates 5 and 6 would be completed over the next week.

DW confirmed details of the Leinster matches at the Stadium while their RDS stadium is being developed. He said in the 2024/2025 season there would be a maximum of 13 and a minimum of 10 Leinster fixtures. Ordinarily we would host 5-6 in a season.

He said the first of these was this Friday and an attendance of 15,000 was anticipated.

He noted that for the majority of the matches the seating in the upper park of the stadium would not be in use. He also said that fans would only be accessing the stadium on Lansdowne Road and Lansdowne Lane. AK further noted that as players would be arriving by car that they would enter via the podium area.

GC requested that consideration be given to having a Gardai presence for all games.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND**

RG updated meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that in the final analysis that 47 projects were offered funding. He noted that in the 4-month period since the funding had been confirmed that over 50% of those receiving grants had already drawn down their funding.

RG said that as promised he had had a look at the both the Fund's T&C's and the Application form. He said he had just completed same and would be circulating to everyone. He requested that everyone read carefully and feedback changes.

He also noted that he was happy to do a presentation on the history of the fund for the committees of both BADRA and LADRA. GC and AG to come back with possible dates for same.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AK informed meeting that there would be two film crews on site in the coming weeks They were filming parts of a series based in Dublin.

BH noted that inspector Tim Burke would be leaving his current position. It was agreed that RG would write to him on behalf of the committee thanking him for all his work with the SCC over the years.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

A date was not set for the next meeting. RG and DW will discuss same and will circulate some suggested dates.

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25 September 2024

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