

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY
25TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Brian Hanney (BH)
LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr. Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Graham Clinton (GC)
LRSDC:	Mr David French (DF) Mr Daniel Wynne (DW) Mr. Conor O'Neill Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
VENUE:	Aviva Stadium

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. DB and Cllr CB.

2. MINUTES

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 10th December 2024 were an accurate record of that meeting. Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.

3. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that there were no matters arising that would not be covered in the other topics on the Agenda.

4. OPERATIONS REVIEW

DW began by looking back at the schedule of fixtures – he noted that there had been a number of matches since the last meeting. These included a sell-out for the Ireland v England 6 Nations fixture and the Bohemians v Shamrock Rovers fixture to launch the League of Ireland season.

Both GC and AG noted the recent extensive media coverage that suggested more League of Ireland fixtures might be held in the stadium. Both DF and DW said that this was mere speculation and that there were no plans for this to happen.

DW referenced the Fixtures Leaflet that had been delivered in advance of the English match. There followed a discussion re same with both GC and AG noting that while it had been well received by those who had received it , however there were still problems re same.

DW said that already plans were in hand to send out the Fixture List on a quarterly basis. He said that one of the problems appeared to be that the company delivering the leaflet also delivered promotional (junk) mail and that this had led to some households not seeing it. He also noted the number of households with "No Junk Mail" notices.

He said that the intention going forward was to find the best possible solution in relation to deliveries. He said that the mail would be delivered as a standalone piece to ALL households on agreed streets. A list of all such streets to be agreed upon.

DW returned to noting upcoming fixtures which included the Irish Rugby Open training day at the stadium which he said might attract 3,000 to 4,000 people. Entrance will be via Lansdowne Lane. The next major fixture will be the Ireland v France 6 Nations game.

In the main other fixtures will be Leinster games with the major one being the Champions Cup fixture against Harlequins on 5th April. This match will however be played in Croke Park. Should they win the Aviva will host any quarter-final or semi-final in which Leinster will be playing.

The final fixture before the annual work on the pitch will be a fixture with the British and Irish Lions on 20th June before they embark on their tour of Australia.

DW 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 once again commented on how well the Taylor Swift and Pink concerts, both also promoted by MCD, had gone in 2004. They requested that a meeting be set up again with MCD in advance of this year's concerts to discuss all elements of same and to ensure that similar communications with the local community were at the heart of that plan. DW said he would ensure that this happened. He agreed to get a suitable date for such a meeting to be held in early June.

5. COMMUNITY FUND

RG updated meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that grants were still being drawn down by those awarded grants in the 2024 allocation. He said that almost 80% of those receiving grants had now drawn down their funding.

He said over 120 organisations and individuals had been notified that the 2025 fund was now open. Applications had started to come in but RG noted most applications would normally arrive in the last two weeks in March. GC queried the numbers of first time applicants. RG said that previous years had shown that about 15% of applications were from new sources each year.

He said that he had reminded all 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.

BH noted that a new round of Covanta funding would be launched shortly. RG noted that many of those receiving Covanta funding also got funding from the stadium fund.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AG said that it was important that the situation regarding parking in Lansdowne Park be clarified. He said that a great deal of goodwill from the residents living there had been eroded. He said there had been a great deal of negative comment at the LADRA AGM concerning same.

AG said that it was his intention to meet with the Gardai (Sgt. Hugh Shovlin) in relation to same. He particularly wanted to get information on the briefing / instructions issued to Gardai on duty at the entrance to Lansdowne Park on match days. He also felt that it would be important for all Gardai on duty to have a real understanding of the overall geography of the area given that they were asking residents as to where they lived and stopping them when they were on route to their home.

CON said that he would also be meeting with the Gardai and would also discuss this matter with them. All were agreed that the SCC needed to have a better understanding of the instructions being given to Gardai and in particular to Gardai not from a local station.

AG also queried instances of cones being put out on a Friday for a Sunday fixture.

GC raised the matter of signage in relation to toilets outside the stadium on match days. He said that this was totally inadequate. DW to look into same.

Both AG and GC queried the removal of the blue bins on match days. They felt it would be important to have bins in the area into the evening as many fans stayed on eating and drinking into the evening and had nowhere to leave fast food containers. BH undertook to look into this situation.

7. NEXT MEETING

A date of Tuesday 25th May 2025 was confirmed for the next meeting of the SCC in 2025. DW also to confirm date for the meeting with MCD which will take place in early June.

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