

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY
27TH MAY, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from David French (DF) and Cllr Claire Byrne (CB).

2. MINUTES

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 24th February 2025 were an accurate record of that meeting. ***Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.***

3. MATTERS ARISING

AG noted a mistake in previous minutes where Lansdowne Place had been mentioned when the reference was to Lansdowne Park. Same to be corrected. There were no other matters arising that would not be covered in the other topics on the Agenda.

4. OPERATIONS REVIEW

DW noted that updated fixture list had been circulated as agreed. He noted that this was being monitored and any suggested improvements would be taken on board in future lists being circulated. AG requested that relevant stadium phone number be included on all future fixture lists. DW said stadium website would continue to update fixture list as any new events are confirmed / publicly announced.

He also noted that a meeting with MCD in relation to the upcoming concerts had been agreed for 10th June. All members of SCC are invited. He also confirmed that if AG and GC wished to bring a second member of their respective committees to the meeting that this was agreed.

He said that a two nights Metallica concert had been announced for June 2026.

Looking ahead he mentioned upcoming Leinster fixtures on Saturday May 31st (Quarter Final) and June 7th (possible Semi Final). He said attendances were estimated to be around 13,000 at both. Should Leinster continue to progress Final is scheduled for Croke Park.

Also the Republic of Ireland v Senegal (approx. 30k attendance) on Friday 6th June with kick-off 19:45.

He said that the British and Irish Lions match versus Argentina , scheduled for Friday 20th June at 8.00pm was a sell-out.

Work on the pitch will take place during July. Major fixtures in August are a match between Leeds United and AC Milan (9th) and the American College Football game (23rd).

In response to a question re Leinster fixtures he said the RDS was still a work in progress and that Leinster would be using the Aviva Stadium for season 2025 / 2026.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND**

RG updated meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that all those receiving grants have been informed. He said that there had been a great reaction to same with many replies saying how much they valued their grant allocation.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AG and GC said that the recent meeting with the Gardai had been helpful but that problems still remained. It was agreed that a Garda representative would be invited to join the SCC. DW to look into same.

In relation to the public toilets problems on match days DW said they had met with the Bath Pub and they had agreed to put up information in the pub re same. DW also organizing better temporary signage pointing to the toilets to be placed in suitable locations.

GC requested that minutes be put up on website. DW apologised in relation to same. He asked RG to forward copies of recent minutes to him. Policy is to put draft minutes up as soon as possible after a meeting and this will be adhered to.

GC also raised the question of better attendance by councillors at SCC meetings. DB said this was not always possible given the number of meetings councillors were invited to on any given day.

GC quoted a number of complaints by BADRA members where Gardai sent residents a long way around to get to their place of residence. In citing two examples he showed how the conflicting advice had been given. In relation to matter such as this a Garda on the SCC would undoubtedly help. He stressed the importance of all Gardai working at events having a better overall knowledge of the local area.

DB noted that the IRFU had purchased another property in Havelock Square and a short conversation ensued around same. This also led to the recent announcement by the IRFU in relation to building a hotel in the area. There was a general feeling at the meeting that the IRFU should have informed the local community re this proposed project.

On a final point RG noted that he had informed the stadium that he would be stepping down at the end of the year. He noted that it had been a real privilege to have worked with the local community for the last 21 years. He said that he would work with the stadium to find a successor for the role. He said that any suggestions that the SCC had would be welcome. He will keep the SCC updated on all progress re same.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be with MCD on 10th June to discuss arrangements for the upcoming concerts at the end of June. This will be similar to the meeting with MCD in 2024. Meeting will take place in Stadium Offices at 6.00pm on that evening.

Following that meeting a date will be set for the next ordinary meeting of the SCC.

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Stadium Community Committee

29 May 2025

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