MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 2016

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: Mr Brian Hanney (BH)

LOCAL COMMUNITY: Mr Joe McCann (JMcC)

LRSDC: Mr Martin Murphy (MM)

Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

VENUE: Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Alf Guinevan, Mick Davoren and Cllrs Chris Andrews and Kieran Binchy.

2. **NEW CHAIRMAN**:

RG noted that Frank Lambe had stepped down as chairman of the Stadium Community Committee and he was being replaced by Mr Brian Hanney of the South-East Area Committee of Dublin City Council. MM welcomed BH on behalf of the Committee and wished FL well. He asked that FL's contribution to the SCC should be noted in the minutes.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 5 July 2016 were an accurate record of the meeting. Agreed minutes to be put up on the Aviva Stadium website.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

MM noted that since the last meeting the trees which had been obstructing the public lighting for the stadium had been cut back. BH said that he would check to ensure that all of the lighting was working correctly.

5. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM noted that there had been four events since the last meeting. These were the Barcelona v Celtic exhibition match with an attendance of 50,000; the Dundalk v Legia Warsaw match (33,000); Ireland v Oman (30,000) and Boston College v Georgia Tech (40,000).

He noted that upcoming events included the Ireland v Georgia World Cup qualifier (6 October); Leinster v Munster Guinness Pro 12 game (8 October); FAI Cup Finals (4 November); Ireland v Canada (12 November); Ireland v New Zealand (19 November) and Ireland v Australia (26 November).

He said there had been a number of issues in relation to the Barcelona v Celtic match. These related both to cleansing and also fans behaviour. He said that both matters had been dealt with by MD.

6. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG updated the meeting in relation to same. He noted that all those who had applied for grants had been notified as to whether or not they were receiving grants.

RG also noted that he had sought information as requested at the last meeting in relation to a number of projects which might be receiving funding from the Covanta Incinerator Fund.

In reply to a query from JMcC he also noted that he had received correspondence from both Havelock Square and Vavasour Square saying that they would be delighted if other members of the local community attended functions held in the Squares.

RG also noted that he had received three enquiries in relation to funding since the last meeting. All were outside the scope of the 2016 fund given that all monies had been allocated.

There followed a discussion in which JMcC suggested the committee might re-consider the closure date for applications.

Those present at the meeting agreed that the closing date for applications be brought forward to 31 January 2017 and that all organisations be informed over the coming weeks that the 2017 fund was now open for applications.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

MM noted that Sergeant Andy Keegan who had been very helpful to the Committee on numerous occasions had now retired. He asked it be recorded in the minutes that the Committee greatly valued his contribution.

MM also noted that there had been a complaint in relation to wheelchair access at the top of Lansdowne Lane close to Shelbourne Road. He said that there were no dropdowns from the pavement to the road for wheelchairs. BH said he would check into same.

8. NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place at 6:30pm, on 29 November, 2016, at the Stadium Management Offices. It was further agreed that RG would write to all members of the SCC noting the date and also inviting them to dinner following the meeting. It was agreed that FL be included in the invitation.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec Stadium Community Committee

29 September 2016

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