

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER, 2025

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Brian Hanney (BH) Cllr Danny Byrne (DB)
LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr. Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Graham Clinton (GC) Ms Ann Kearns (AK)
LRSDC:	Mr Daniel Wynne (DW) Mr. Conor O’Neill (CON) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
GARDAI:	Superintendent Marilyn Brosnan (MB) Inspector Dave Wogan (IDW)
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 7th October 2025 were an accurate record of that meeting. ***Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.***

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no other matters arising that would not be covered in the other topics on the agenda.

4. OPERATIONS REVIEW

DW began by going through the events hosted since the last SCC meeting (September - November). October saw the stadium host Leinster for two games (Leinster will be returning to the RDS for the 26/27 Season) and Republic of Ireland’s senior men’s and women’s teams.

A very busy November saw Ireland host Japan, Australia and South Africa in the Quilter Nations Series. A total attendance of 93,968 turned out to see Ireland in total for the three fixtures. The FAI Cup Final welcomed Shamrock Rovers and Cork City on 8th November. The Republic of Ireland team also celebrated an historic win versus Portugal on 13th November.

There have been a number of changes/additions to the stadium fixture list since the last SCC Meeting. League of Ireland – Bohemians FC v St Patrick’s Athletic has been confirmed. The day (Sunday

and kick off time (2pm) will help to ensure that any risk of disorder is limited. There are 5 concerts now planned for summer 2026 and no more will be announced for next year. Fixtures for EURO 2028 were also announced on November 12th. Dublin will host their 7 matches between 10th and 30th June 2028.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND**

RG updated meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He said that to date over 50% of those receiving grants from the 2025 fund had drawn down their grants. This is very much tracking as in recent years (*recipients have until May 2026 to draw down their allocated funding*).

RG said that good progress had been made in sourcing a replacement for his role on the committee. He said that a preferred candidate had been selected and that final details were being worked out as to the role. He said that it was hoped that the new candidate would be in position for the next SCC meeting. The intention is that the new person would launch the 2026 Community Fund and in that correspondence let the community organisations know of the change going forward.

RG confirmed that he and Alison MacDonald (AMacD) would remain in position to see out all work on the 2025 fund. He also noted he would be available to help the new person settle into their role.

RG raised the subject of the fund providing defibrillators for the LADRA /BADRA area. Currently LADRA and BADRA are putting together a proposal in relation to same.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

GC and AK said that the use of local Gardai on key streets was much appreciated. MB said that this would continue to be the case where at all possible.

AG enquired as to situation re casual traders putting up merchandise on the railings of local houses. BH confirmed that this should not happen and said he would look into same.

DB raised the issue of the properties being acquired by the IRFU in the area around the stadium. RG said that the question of the properties was really one for the IRFU directly and not the stadium. Both DB and GC said that they were most unhappy with how they had been treated by the IRFU when they had met. DB also mentioned the recent publicity in the newspapers concerning this issue.

RG said he would write to the IRFU expressing the concerns raised and would come back to DB and GC early in the new year.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for 20th January 2026. Same to be held in usual venue and will start at 6.30pm.

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