

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON  
TUESDAY 22 AUGUST, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:</b>	Mr Brian Hanney (BH) Cllr Danny Byrne (DB) Cllr Claire Byrne (CB)
<b>LOCAL COMMUNITY:</b>	Mr Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Terry Byrne (TB)
<b>LRSDC:</b>	Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Daniel Wynne (DW) Mr Andrew Keegan (AK) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)
<b>VENUE:</b>	Aviva Stadium

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies as all committee members were present.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 18 April 2023 were an accurate record of that meeting. Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**

MM noted two matters arising from last meeting. The first of these referred to property in vicinity of stadium owned by IRFU. MM noted he had spoken with CEO IRFU who had confirmed that there were no plans to use any such properties in relation to stadium development. He noted that the intention was to use the property which had given rise to the query to provide accommodation for coaches and players as required. DB noted that the property had been advertised for letting. MM said he would have this looked into.

MM also noted that following the query from CB at last meeting that he had agreed with staff member Aidan Byrne to give a presentation to the SCC on the stadium's extensive Sustainability programme. This will be delivered at the next SCC meeting.

**4. OPERATIONS REVIEW:**

MM noted that it had been extraordinarily busy since our last meeting in April 2023. Since then, there had been ten matches and the pitch had been renovated. He noted that this exceptional run of

matches was in the main due to Leinster's success and also the stadium being awarded the European Finals in Rugby. There were no significant issues to report at these matches.

MM also mentioned that the annual DCC Boxing in the Community Project which is run by Michael Carruth. Several hundred children from disadvantaged communities visited the stadium during this event.

MM said that the next major event would be the Notre Dame v Navy Football Game the coming weekend which will see 40,000 visitors from the United States. The game kicks off at 7.30pm and should end at 10.45pm. A comprehensive transport plan has been developed by the promoter and the state agencies.

He also confirmed that looking forward to 2024, he could now confirm three Taylor Swift concerts on 28, 29, 30 June 2024.

He concluded his report by noting that, as he had previously informed the Committee, he would be retiring at the end of September. He thanked all the members of the SCC for their work and support. He noted the importance of the committee in providing a strong and positive relationship between the stadium and the local community. He said "the SCC has worked well over the years. Feedback is very important to the stadium and the SCC ensures we get this. I want to thank Brian for his role in chairing the committee and for his assistance with several local issues. Our local councillors Claire and Danny give the committee a profile and status which keeps us on our toes. Alf and Terry provide the direct link to the neighbours most affected by the stadium. Thank you one and all".

#### 5. **COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG reported that all those receiving funding had been contacted before the end of May. In all there were 45 individual organizations / community groups that would be receiving grants. These ranged from requests for funding in connection with one project up to a number where the request was for funding for a range of projects during the year.

He also noted that while there were a large number of requests from those we have supported over many years, that it was great to see ten requests from new applicants. He said that there had been a steady flow of completed projects that had already drawn down their grants. He also said that this year, that more than in other years, there had been a noticeable increase in the number of applicants who had written to say how much they appreciated the assistance.

On a related matter he said he had written to the relevant department in Dublin City Council to thank them, on behalf of the committee for the great work they had done in commissioning and erecting the bench on the Dodder Walk, to commemorate the contributions made by the late Joe McCann and Philip Land to the work of the Community Committee. He said that subsequent to the unveiling of the bench he had received letters from both the McCann and Land families thanking the committee for what had been done and also for the ceremony to unveil the bench.

#### 6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AG and TB said that there had been a lack of Gardai presence in some areas during the most recent games. This had led to anti-social behaviour with complaints of fans urinating in doorways. It was noted that matter had been raised with Gardai. It was agreed Gardai should be reminded of same in advance of upcoming events. Subject to be kept on agenda for future meetings.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

No date was set for next meeting. RG and DW to discuss same once MM successor in place and to agree date with other members of SCC.

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