

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JANUARY, 2024**

### **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 David French (DF) 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. CEO DAVID FRENCH:**

David French has joined the SCC. He was welcomed by all members of the committee. As this is his first meeting he gave a brief outline of his career to date which has seen him manage major entertainment venues worldwide, which included a lengthy period as Venue Director of Old Trafford.

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 22 August 2023 were an accurate record of that meeting. Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

RG noted that there were two matters in the minutes from the last meeting. The first of these related to the IRFU purchasing properties in the area around the stadium. He noted that this would be addressed as a separate matter later in the meeting. The second matter related to a proposed presentation on sustainability by Aidan Byrne who is responsible for the stadium's extensive sustainability programme. RG said given this was the first SCC meeting for DF he felt it was more appropriate to move the presentation to the next meeting. All were in agreement with same.

#### **5. OPERATIONS REVIEW:**

DW outlined the various fixtures that had taken place since the last meeting. He particularly noted the Notre Dame v Navy American Football Game which he said had been a major success with over 37,000 Americans travelling for the game. AG and TB noted the major deep clean that had been undertaken prior to the game and enquired could same be put in position this year around the Taylor Swift concerts. BH said he would look into it.

DW also mentioned the first women's soccer international which had attracted a record attendance of 32,000 and the FAI Cup Final which again produced a record for an FAI Cup Final of 42,000.

There followed a discussion in relation to the programme of events for 2024. AG and TB said that they were disappointed not to be informed of the Pink concerts by the stadium and they enquired as to the number of concerts allowed. It was noted that the planning permission provides for 3 concerts but that additional concerts can be held subject to licence.

It was agreed that the stadium would draw up a list of the events planned for this year and would provide information on starting times and also the expected capacity. *(Same attached with these minutes)* Same to be circulated to all at the meeting.

DW noted that the Europa League Final would be held in the stadium on 22 May. He said that the stadium would keep the residents informed as plans for same became available.

AG and TB raised the issue of matches where smaller crowds were expected. He said that experience had shown that there could be more problems than with sell out games. All were in agreement that same would be looked at going forward and would be discussed with Gardai.

**6. COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He noted that to date 41 of the 2023 projects funded had drawn down their funding. RG has written to remaining projects noting the need to complete their projects or lose funding which would go back into the overall fund.

He noted that the 2024 fund was now open for applications. Over 100 emails have been sent to organisations funded over the past three years. D4News also to publicise same. RG noted he had also sent details of the fund to the members of the SCC and hoped they would spread the word. *(There are already 5 applications in for the 2024 fund).*

**7. QUERY RE IRFU PROPERTY**

DW said he had been in contact with the person in the IRFU responsible for property. Unfortunately this person is currently out of the country. However, he responded to the query saying *"that the IRFU has no plans for the future redevelopment of their properties in relation to the Aviva Stadium site or its environs"*. He further noted if any members of the local community had any specific concerns or queries in relation to the IRFU properties that they could write directly to the IRFU Director of Operations. *(Details with DW).*

The members of the SCC were not happy with this. They said it was a matter of trust and that IRFU should meet with them. They requested RG write to the IRFU and officially request a meeting with the IRFU concerning same. It was agreed that this would be done.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

There were quite a number of issues raised by AG and TB. Many of these were matters for the Gardai with there being a feeling that briefing of all Gardai on duty on match days could and should be improved. TB said that the BADRA committee had requested a meeting with the stadium. RG and DW to organise same. RG asked TB to circulate an agenda in advance of this meeting to ensure all questions could be answered at the meeting.

Among the matters raised were -

- the situation regarding plastic glasses being taken out of the stadium after games and then being dumped
- the need for more barrel bins
- the barriers on Lansdowne Lane
- prompt removal of barriers after events
- wheelchair access for local residents.
- overall Gardai briefing on event days.
- timing of road closure\*
- better cleaning in areas such as Lansdowne Park, Grand Canal and Beggars Bush
- smaller internal events spilling out on to the podium
- parking by stewards on event days

*\* DW /AK to create a laminated sheet with general information re both road closures, parking etc., on event days*

#### 9. **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next SCC meeting would take place end of April. Suggested dates are Tuesday 23 or 30 April at 6.30pm.

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Stadium Community Committee  
2 February 2024

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