

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),
HELD ON TUESDAY, 29 MAY, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL: Mr Brian Hanney (BH)
Cllr Dermot Lacey (DL)

LOCAL COMMUNITY: Mr Joe McCann (JMcC)
Mr Alf Guinevan (AG)

LRSDC: Mr Martin Murphy (MM)
Mr Mick Davoren (MD)
Mr Daniel Wynne (DW)
Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

VENUE: Aviva Stadium Management Building

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr Mannix Flynn.

2. PRESENTATION:

MM said that he had invited DW to the meeting to update the Committee on work which the Stadium was doing in relation to sustainability and also to show the Committee the new Stadium website which was almost complete.

3. SUSTAINABILITY:

DW said that over the course of its existence that the Stadium had always looked to uphold the highest standards of sustainability and had gone for various certifications which were proof positive of those standards. He noted that in terms of sustainability that the stadium took a broader look at sustainability than just the environmental factors. He said that sustainability looked under three main pillars – environmental, economic and social.

He said that the Stadium Community Committee and the Community Fund were an important part both of the economic and social pillars.

He explained that having certification such as ISO 20121 was important when major sporting bodies were considering the Stadium for events such as the Eurs 2020 bid.

4. **WEBSITE:**

DW demonstrated the new website in action. He noted that the documentation for the Community Fund would be available on the new website.

AG requested that the information in relation to road closures and all other relevant information on match days be published on the website. It was agreed that this would be done. AG noted that this was already published in the Irish Times and in other media on the day of rugby matches. It was agreed that it should be put on the website for all matches.

It was also agreed that MD would liaise with the Gardai with a view to putting any relevant Garda match day information on the website also.

It was further agreed that DW would work with JMcC and AG with a view to creating linkage between the LADRA and BADRA websites and the Stadium website.

All were in agreement that the new website looked really well.

5. **STADIUM ENVIRONS**

During the discussion in relation to the website JMcC brought up the issue of the streets outside of the Stadium. He felt a serious needed to be looked at them as he felt that in general they were a “shambles” on match days. He said this was in contrast as to how things were handled inside the Stadium. BH said that he had been chairing meetings of the Stadium Community Committee for the past 18 months and this is the first time that this issue had been brought up. In support MM and MD noted that any issues that had been brought up in relation to DCC had been tackled both swiftly and efficiently. In particular they noted the new lights on Lansdowne Road, the pruning of trees and the proposal to get rid of the graffiti.

DL said that perhaps the best way to tackle this was for JMcC to outline the specific issues that need to be looked at. He suggested that they would look at one street as a pilot plan and suggested that Bath Avenue would be a good place to start.

AG said that the Gardai would also need to be involved with this.

It was agreed that the matter would be discussed further with a view to identifying any new problems and coming up with solutions.

6. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

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

In relation to the minutes it was also agreed that the policy of putting draft minutes up on the website would be implemented.

7. **MATTERS ARISING:**

RG said that he had spoken to Paul Meany of Marian Sportshall in relation to use of the new sportshall facility by the local community. He said that this was indeed the policy and in fact was advertised as being such. It was noted, however, that there is a charge. In that context JMcC noted that he was already using the hall for a number of activities. It was agreed that RG would contact Paul Meany with a view to setting up a meeting with the local community to discuss how the local community could be given greater access to the hall for meetings etc.

In relation to the international project concerning graffiti MM noted that it now appeared that this would require planning permission. BH agreed that this was the case. MD to get an update on the overall situation and report back.

8. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MM noted the upcoming soccer international against the US on Saturday, 2 June. He said there was also a Billy Joel concert on 23 June while Liverpool will play Napoli there on 4 August. He further noted that there was another club friendly on 1 August. Teams playing to be confirmed.

MM also noted that preparations were well underway for the four Euro 2020 matches planned for Dublin. He said he now had dates for these. The three Group matches will take place on 15, 19 and 24 June while the match in the round of the last 16 would take place on 30 June. All matches in 2020.

9. COMMUNITY FUND:

The Independent Assessor's evaluation report was accepted in full. RG to write to all of those both receiving and not receiving grants. JMcC noted that Railway Union were in receipt of a serious major grant from Covanta Fund. RG said that the Independent Assessor had been made aware of all projects receiving grants from the Covanta Fund and had been told to factor this into his conversations with the various projects requesting funds from the Stadium Community Fund. RG felt that there would be no overlap in projects being supported were affected projects JMcC said it was something we should continue to be aware about.

DL noted that he had been involved with a number of the organisations that had applied for funds including the Sean Moore Community Award scheme. RG said that DL would not be aware of this and all projects were judged totally on the merits of the application. He felt this was not a consideration.

In relation to the allocations for GDPR AG said that they were well advanced in their project. JMcC said that he was happy to organise the collective training for BADRA, SAMRA and LADRA.

There was also a discussion in relation to the Shelbourne Park Residents Association. It was felt that the grants were well deserved and that this organisation would be a growing force in the years to come.

JMcC queried the situation regarding awarding grants to individuals. He said there were a number of very talented athletes in the local community all of whom needed money to compete. There was a brief discussion on same. It was agreed that it would be put as an agenda item for the next meeting with a view to agreeing a position. RG suggested that the committee might take a certain sum of money from the budget each year and set it aside for that specific purpose.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

AG raised the situation about bike parking in the stadium. MM and MD said that there were bike parking facilities within the stadium which staff used. AG said there were a lot of bikes being left chained to residents' railings. He agreed that situation should be monitored with a view to ensuring that such bike parking did not in any way relate to the stadium.

Both AG and JMcC said that they felt the stadium was let down by the performance of the Gardai particularly at events that were not sell-outs. He noted that there was a new Superintendent in Donnybrook/Ringsend and that a meeting with him should be set up. MD said he would speak to him re same.

11. NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Monday, 24 September 2018 in the Aviva Stadium Management building at 6:30pm,

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