

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY, 2021

ATTENDANCE

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL:	Mr Brian Hanney (BH) Cllr Claire Byrne (CB) Cllr Danny Byrne (DB)
LOCAL COMMUNITY:	Mr Alf Guinevan (AG) Mr Terry Byrne (TB)
LRSDC:	Mr Martin Murphy (MM) Mr Andrew Keegan (AK) Mr Roddy Guiney (RG)

VENUE: Meeting held over Zoom

1. WELCOME

The Chairman (BH) welcomed Terry Byrne to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Mr Mick Davoren (MD)

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 26 January 2021 were an accurate record of that meeting. Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

It was agreed that there were no matters arising from the minutes that would not be dealt with under the business of the meeting.

5. OPERATIONS REVIEW:

MM updated the meeting in relation to the situation in the stadium since the last meeting.

He noted there have been only two matches since the start of 2021, both behind closed doors. These were the Six Nations matches against France and England

MM said that Euro2020 matches were shifted from Dublin to Seville, St. Petersburg and London due to restrictions on spectators and travelling parties.

He noted that when the pandemic was declared Aviva Stadium was offered free of charge to the government to assist in whatever way we could in the fight against Covid. From April 2020 to end of February 2021 Covid testing was carried out on site by the Defence Forces. Over 65,000 were tested. HSE commenced operating a vaccination centre in the stadium in March. Initially the numbers were low but in recent weeks there is a big increase with 3000 per day being vaccinated. As of last Friday, 14 May over 52000 had been vaccinated at Aviva Stadium. 120 staff are on site daily.

MM concluded by saying number of trial events are planned at the end of June/July. Ireland v Japan on 03 July and Ireland v USA on 10 July. Possible football fixture in mid-July. Attendance figures are likely to increase subject to government approval. We hope to optimise the permitted attendance at the international football matches in September.

6. COMMUNITY FUND:

RG introduced his Report and Recommendations re grants for the 2021 Community Fund. He noted the reaction from the community on hearing of Philip Land's passing. He said that Philip had made a major contribution to the success of the fund over the past 15 years.

Following a discussion, the recommendations in the Report were unanimously accepted. RG to write to all applicants to outline amount of grant and conditions in relation to drawing down same.

He noted he would also discuss how best to ensure the late Joe McCann is recognised in relation the Ringsend College scholarship scheme.

It was agreed that BH and RG would come back with a proposal regarding benches on the Dodder in memory of both Joe McCann and Philip Land or something similar elsewhere in the community.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting provisionally set for Tuesday, 7 September.

RG to confirm time and date closer to time.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec
Stadium Community Committee

19 May 2021

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