

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC), HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY, 2022

ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Danny Byrne (DB) and Mr Daniel Wynne (DW).

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of 15 February 2022 were an accurate record of that meeting. Same to be put on the stadium website as per policy.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

BH noted that DCC had looked at area suggested by TB for a community project but drainage problems meant it was unsuitable.

4. OPERATIONS REVIEW:

MM updated all in relation to events at the stadium. He noted the three recent rugby games and how they generated a great atmosphere with people really happy to be back at live events.

He noted that there were two upcoming soccer matches against Ukraine (8 June) and Scotland (11 June). He said that these would be followed up with three concerts by Harry Styles (22 June); the Eagles (24 June) and Westlife (8 July and 9 July). He said that following this there would be major renovations work on the pitch before the US football game on 27 August. He said that they hoped for a crowd in excess of 30,000 for this game.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG thanked everyone for their input into the allocation of monies under the Community Fund. He noted 51 projects were being supported. Letters of confirmation have gone out to everyone. He said there had been a great reaction to the allocated funding and that the Fund continues to make a real difference in the local community.

He further noted that recipients had been informed that monies needed to be drawn down before end of the year.

Following a discussion in relation to funding being utilised for community parties it was agreed that while same should be curtailed in general that RG would speak with both AG and TB with a view to identifying projects that should be supported for BADRA and LADRA under this heading.

It was also agreed that the SCC would bear in mind Covanta Fund donations when evaluating applications to the Stadium Fund in the future. BH to send RG updated Covanta Annual Report. (Subsequent to meeting same received.)

In relation to the proposed memorial bench for Joe McCann and Philip Land BH undertook to follow up on same and to put RG in contact with new person in this area. (Subsequent to meeting BH supplied details and RG has initiated contact.)

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

MM noted that he had attended the Sean Moore Awards which the Fund sponsors. He said same was an excellent initiative which had been well supported.

RG noted that he had attended a workshop hosted by the Iris Charles Centre which the Fund also supports. He said that he had met a number of people there whose projects are supported by the Fund. All were hugely positive as to impact of the Fund.

TB raised issue of alcohol being brought on to the streets and also problem of plastic glasses being littered all over the area. It was noted that same needed to be kept under surveillance consistently and Gardai appraised of situation on a regular basis.

7. **MICK DAVOREN RETIREMENT**

MM noted that MD was retiring and that his place on the SCC would be taken by DW. All present paid tribute to the positive input of MD during his work both with the Gardai and with the stadium.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that next meeting would take place in early September. Provisional date set for 6 September.

RODDY GUINEY

Hon Sec

Stadium Community Committee

1 June 2022

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