

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STADIUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (SCC),
HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 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. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

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

3. MATTERS ARISING:

RG apologised that he had not set up a meeting with Mr Paul Meany of Marian College in relation to the sportshall.

Meeting to be set up with Mr Meany and to include both JMcC and AG.

DW confirmed that the stadium website was now linked directly with the Gardai website where all information on match days could be viewed. DW confirmed he would email both JMcC and AG with a view to outlining how best they could link with the Aviva Stadium website and on into the Gardai site for this information.

AG enquired about the situation concerning bike parking both around and in the stadium. MM confirmed that there were 50 bike parking spots inside the stadium. He noted that

these were all fully utilised on match days by staff cycling to the game.

He further noted that staff had been notified – and would be notified again – that they could not leave bikes outside the stadium chained to railings. MD confirmed that there was no bike parking inside the cordon. He further noted that any bike that was chained to railings inside the cordon would be removed by Gardai. Following a discussion, it was agreed that it would be difficult to put up temporary bike facilities as these would need to be permanently fixed.

AG requested an update on the proposal to create a proper mural over the area where the external walls to the stadium are being used by graffiti artists. This has gone for planning permission. The reference is 3719/18. It was noted that a decision on the planning application is due shortly. It was noted that even with permission granted that it would be unlikely that the work would be carried out before next year. When work is to be carried out it will require closing the DART line for a short period.

JMcC returned to the subject to the area outside the stadium saying that the footpaths were a disgrace and also mentioning littering. It was noted that JMcC had met with a number of officials from BH's Office. BH said that if JMcC could provide more detail in relation to the specific points that concerned him he would be happy to look into them.

(Subsequent to the meeting BH sent an email to JMcC asking that he set out in some detail where there are issues with footpaths, tarmacadam in the vicinity of the stadium. He also requested that further detail be provided of issues with the pizza place on Bath Avenue so that this could be looked into by DCC's Environmental Health Department.)

4. **OPERATIONS UPDATE:**

MM noted that since the last meeting that there had been two international club soccer matches in the stadium and also one concert. He noted that the annual renovation work on the pitch also took place during this period. He outlined the various events that were due over the coming months. These are as follows:

- **6 October:** Guinness Pro14 Leinster v Munster
- **13 October:** Ireland v Denmark soccer international
- **16 October:** Ireland v Wales soccer international
- **4 November:** FAI Womens and Mens Senior Cup Finals
- **10 November:** Ireland v Argentina rugby international
- **15 November:** Ireland v Northern Ireland soccer international
- **17 November:** Ireland v New Zealand rugby international
- **24 November:** Ireland v United States rugby international
- **15 December:** Leinster v Bath European rugby

MM also noted that UEFA officials had made a number of visits to the grounds during the last few months in relation to the four Euro 2020 matches due to be played there. He noted that he would keep all informed of progress in relation to Euro 2020 matches.

5. **COMMUNITY FUND:**

RG updated the meeting in relation to the Community Fund. He said that five projects from 2017 still had to draw down their funding. These were:

- 1st Port of Dublin Sea Scouts (€1,500)
- Anchorage (€2,000)
- CMWS (€2,000)
- UCD Marian Basketball Club (€2,000)
- Irish Girl Guides (€800)

RG said that he would provide more indepth information about the projects with the minutes of the meeting. He also noted that he would check on progress in relation to where the projects are and inform the committee of same.

He said in 2018 31 applications for funding had been approved. Of those projects 11 had already received their funding while a further five had made applications that were awaiting payment.

RG noted that at the last meeting it had been agreed that they would devote some time to whether or not grants might be awarded to talented individuals. This was a subject that had been raised by JMcC. AG queried was there any way of checking as to whether or not the talented individuals were recognised as such by their sports. RG noted that he had a way of checking this quite simply.

Following a discussion on same it was agreed that a small fund should be created for such requests and when the 2019 was being opened that this would be publicised. RG noted that such funding might well come from some of the 2018 projects if they were not to draw down funding.

RG to update committee at next meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

BH raised the subject of the proposed Halloween festival "Demons and Dockers" which he had written to RG about. It was agreed that he would contact the organisers with a view to getting them to complete an application and also to give an indication of the kind of funding being looked for. He noted that last year's addition of the festival had been a great success. It was agreed that same would be supported if it were possible.

JMcC and AG requested that local events such as the harvest Fair be promoted on the Aviva Stadium website. DW said that this would not be a problem and asked JMcC to pass on any information on any upcoming projects.

There followed a discussion in relation to bags being brought to matches. MD noted that the IRFU publicise the situation in relation to same noting that any bags not allowed into the ground could be left at the back of the car park for collection. He noted that the FAI had a similar arrangement with the Sandymount Hotel although same was not greatly utilised. All in agreement that there needs to be greater awareness of the situation. DW confirmed that there would be information on the Aviva stadium website.

It would appear that the situation is at its worst when there are matches such as the international club fixtures where most of them attending would have no regular reason to attend the stadium.

JMcC said that a great deal of umbrellas were often left outside and he wondered could these be given to a charity.

6. NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 December 2018 in the Aviva Stadium Management building at 6:30pm. MM noted that everyone was invited to the annual Christmas dinner following the meeting.

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