

Motherwell, 30 June 1998 at 9.30 am.

A Special Meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Craig, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Chadha, Gormill, Grant, J. Martin, Shaw and Wilson.

CHAIR

Councillor Craig (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer; Mr J Bradley and Mr J Wyatt, Department of Construction Services, and Mr A Cowie, Department of Planning and Development.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

In attendance for Item (1) only Chief Superintendent A Forrest, Strathclyde Police; Mr J Russell, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, and Mr B Lavery, Scottish Ambulance Services NHS Trust.

In attendance for Item (2) only Chief Superintendent I Wishart and Inspector McKean, Strathclyde Police; Mr O Killbourn, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, and Mr D Atkins, Scottish Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

In attendance for Item (3) only Chief Superintendent I Wishart, Strathclyde Police; Mr J Russell and Mr C Power, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, and Mr D Atkins, Scottish Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

APOLOGIES

Councillors E. Burns, Leitch, H. McGuigan and McKendrick.

THE SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

1. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of 26 November 1997, when it was agreed that the necessary arrangements be made for the certification of designated grounds and grounds with regulated stands under the terms of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, there were submitted reports (docketed) dated 22 June 1998 by the Director of Administration advising of the outstanding issues in relation to the renewal of the Safety Certificates for Fir Park Stadium, Motherwell; Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge.

In the course of the meeting the Sub-Committee visited the three stadia, heard verbal reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and agreed that the renewals of the Safety Certificates for those stadia be dealt with as undernoted.

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate for Fir Park Stadium, Motherwell be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received from the stadium management:-

- (a) the requirement that ambulance cover should be provided at activities where it is anticipated that the estimated attendance will be in excess of 4,800;

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- thereof;
- (b) a direct telephone line installed prior to 1 August 1998 in the first aid room of the South Stand;
 - (c) the demolition of and removal of debris at the brick boundary wall at the South Entrance/Exit of the East Stand prior to 25 July 1998;
 - (d) the repair to the fire protection of the structural steelwork in the South Stand prior to 1 August 1998;
 - (e) an application for Building Warrant for the store in the gymnasium being submitted to this Authority prior to 1 August 1998 and approval thereof;
 - (f) the repair of the space frame roof in the Davie Cooper Stand and the Motorola Stand for corrosion, and
 - (g) the submission of an Annual Risk Assessment of Fire Safety submitted to this Authority by 1 September 1998.

Councillor Shaw declared a non pecuniary interest in the following item of business and took no part in the consideration or determination thereof.

- (1) that the General Safety Certificates for Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld be granted, subject to the appropriate documentation being received from the stadium management prior to 3 August 1998:-
 - (a) the submission of an Annual Risk Assessment of barriers, handrails and boundary walls;
 - (b) the submission of an Annual Risk Assessment of Fire Safety, and
 - (c) the submission of an Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy;
- (2) that the General Safety Certificate for Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge, be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed prior to 23 July 1998 and assurances and appropriate documentation being received from the stadium management:-
 - (a) the gaps in the seating deck located at the west end of the Main Stand, which appear to be caused by woodworm, should be repaired in order to stop any litter or refuse accumulating in the void immediately below the seating deck and that the entire stand be examined by a competent person in order to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the woodworm and to check that the timber structure has not been materially weakened;
 - (b) the ground floor laundry should be separated from the remainder of the premises by a non-combustible partition having a minimum fire resistance of 1 hour, imperforate and close fitting to the floors, walls and ceilings;
 - (c) all holes/gaps created by the recent repairs to the electrical system between the void under the seating deck and the lower accommodation should be suitably infilled/repared, as necessary, using non-combustible material which provides a minimum fire resistance of half an hour. All service ducts, cables or pipework through walls, ceilings or floors to be adequately "fire stopped" using suitable non-combustible materials;
 - (d) the installation of emergency lighting in accordance with BS5266: Part 1: 1998; external walkways leading from the North Enclosure leading to East Stewart Street

and the east end of the Main Stand leading to Main Street to assist evacuation from these areas, in the event of power failure;

- (e) the roller shutter doors on the doorways (a) over the main entrance; (b) leading to the laundry, and (c) leading to the pitch must be secured by padlocks and in an open position when those parts of the premises are occupied;
- (f) that the Safety Officer be made easily identifiable on match days eg. by wearing a tabard or some such other form of identification;
- (g) the existing Fire Warning System should be extended by provision of (a) two break glass call points located at the final exist doors from the laundry and the home changing room, and (b) additional smoke detectors located within the physiotherapy room and the void which is entered from the ground floor level;
- (h) the Fire Alarm System should be tested during working hours to ensure that it is clearly perceptible throughout the premises, particularly in the laundry area and additional alerting devices should be provided as necessary;
- (i) that on match days the operational procedure for the PA system should ensure that any warning messages broadcast are clearly perceptible throughout the Stadium;
- (j) that fire routine notices should be provided and situated adjacent to each break glass call point;
- (k) the Fire Exit door leading from the home changing room should be clearly indicated by an approved graphic symbol;
- (l) the condition of the structural steelwork in the North Stand particularly at the base of all the columns is badly corroded and should be repaired,
- (m) the existing floodlighting towers which are now redundant are badly corroded and should be removed;
- (n) that in the Main Stand Enclosure, a barrier post has broken from its concrete foundation and the post has moved and this requires repair.
- (o) that the exposed electrical cables in the North Enclosure of the Main Stand be removed;
- (p) the submission of an Annual Risk Assessment of barriers, handrails and boundary walls;
- (q) the submission of an Annual Risk Assessment of Fire Safety;
- (r) the submission of an Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy, and
- (s) Registers for the keeping of records relating to the undernoted should be maintained and made available as necessary as to:-
 - (i) spectator attendance;
 - (ii) accidents involving spectators;
 - (iii) tests and checks on any emergency lighting, public address system, fire fighting equipment, fire warning system;

- (iv) emergency evacuation procedures and Steward Training Sessions, and
- (v) any remedial measures taken as a result of maintenance and testing requirements.