

**Motherwell, 18 June 2001 at 9.15 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Barrie, Gormill, Heberton, Homer and J. Martin.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Officer; Assistant Building Control Manager and Team Leader, Design Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Sergeant Swan, Strathclyde Police and Station Officer Nelson, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

In respect of Item 1: A. Cameron, Stadium Manager Airdrieonians Football Club and W. Campbell, Barr Facilities Management.

In respect of Item 2: L. Mackie, President, Shotts Bon Accord Football Club

In respect of Item 3: A. Barron, General Manager, Motherwell Football Club

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Chadha and Love.

**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS**

**(1) EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE**

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 25 August 2000, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 June 2001 by the Director of Administration (1) reminding Members of the previously agreed arrangements 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, and (2) advising of outstanding issues in relation to the renewal of the General Safety Certificate for Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie.

Consideration was also given to verbal reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and from Airdrieonians Football Club's Stadium Manager.

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

- (1) an annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
- (2) an annual Risk Assessment of crush barriers and handrails to be submitted;

- (3) a periodic inspection report on the electrical installations to be submitted, and
- (4) a report by a suitably qualified and fully independent Chartered Engineer, Architect or Surveyor on (a) the cracking in the concrete floor slab in the Main Stand (first floor); (b) the cracking in the concrete floor slab in the East Stand; (c) the cracking in the wall adjacent to the toilet block on the first floor of the Main Stand, and (d) blockwork in and around all four stands which show continuous signs of shrinkage or movement cracking, to be submitted by 4 August 2001.

## **(2) HANNAH PARK, SHOTTS**

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 1 November 1999, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Hannah Park, Shotts and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 June 2001 by the Director of Administration (1) reminding Members of the arrangements for the certification of sports grounds with stands which fall to be regulated in terms of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, and (2) advising of outstanding issues in relation to the renewal of the General Safety Certificate in respect of the Regulated Stand at Hannah Park, Shotts.

Consideration was also given to verbal reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and from the President of Shotts Bon Accord Football Club.

**Decided:** that the General Safety Certificate in respect of the Regulated Stand at Hannah Park, Shotts be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received from the stadium management:-

- (1) a Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted, and
- (2) a system of record keeping to be introduced to record details of (a) spectator attendance; (b) accidents involving spectators; (c) emergency evacuation procedures and steward training sessions, and (d) any remedial measures taken as a result of maintenance and testing requirements.

**Prior to consideration of the following item of business, the Convener, Councillor Holloway, declared a pecuniary interest, demitted the Chair, and took no part in the consideration of the matter.**

**Councillor Gormill took the Chair.**

## **(3) FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL**

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 25 August 2000, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Fir Park, Motherwell, and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 June 2001 by the Director of Administration (1) reminding Members of the previously agreed arrangements 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, and (2) advising of outstanding issues in relation to the renewal of the General Safety Certificate for Fir Park, Motherwell.

Consideration was also given to verbal reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and from Motherwell Football Club's General Manager.

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

- (1) a periodic inspection report on the electrical installations to be submitted, and
- (2) confirmation to be received that the remedial works identified within the Risk Assessment of crush barriers and handrails have been attended to.