

<b>To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS – CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE</b>
<b>From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION</b>	
<b>Date: 11 JUNE 2001</b>	<b>Ref: CA/GP/16 JM</b>

**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Council has, at a series of earlier meetings, adopted practices in relation to its responsibilities for the certification of “Designated Grounds” in North Lanarkshire and agreed to the establishment of a Safety of Sports Grounds Officer Working Group representing a variety of disciplines which assists the process of certification.
  
- 1.2 The Council has also agreed that a programme of annual inspections be established and, over the past few months, Officers of the Working Group have carried out a series of inspections at Cliftonhill Stadium and have met with representatives from stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the Stadium.

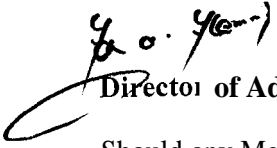
**2 Current Position**

- 2.1 As a result of these inspections the undernoted matters have been identified as requiring attention. Details of these have been passed to the General Manager for his attention:-
  - 2.1.1 An annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
  - 2.1.2 An annual Risk Assessment of crush barriers and handrails to be submitted;
  - 2.1.3 A Periodic Inspection Report on the electrical installations to be submitted;
  - 2.1.4 The timber division wall at the east end of the South Stand to be fixed to the rear of the Stand;
  - 2.1.5 The timber floor at the western end of the South Stand to be repaired and a report submitted following inspection of the area by a suitably qualified person, with appropriate remedial action to be taken at any areas found to be defective;
  - 2.1.6 The damaged step in the Main Stand to be repaired, and
  - 2.1.7 The steel supports for the metal sheeting fixed to the roof of the turnstiles leading to the North Terracing to be repaired.



### 3 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and representations from Albion Rovers Football Club's General Manager and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.

  
Director of Administration

Should any Member require further information please contact John Murray at extension **2259**.