

Motherwell, 27 June 2001 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillors Barrie, Chadha, Gormill, Homer, Irvine and J. Martin.

CHAIR

In the absence of the Convener, and in terms of Standing Order No. 55, Councillor Chadha took the Chair.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector Easton and Inspector Connell, Strathclyde Police and Station Officer Nelson and Station Officer Kilburn, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

In respect of item 1	J. Reynolds, General Manager, Albion Rovers Football Club
In respect of item 2	G. McAllister, General Secretary, Cumbernauld United Football Club
In respect of item 3	J. Ferguson, Secretary, Kilsyth Rangers Football Club
In respect of item 4	P. Eadie, General Manager, Broadwood Stadium (Cumbernauld) Limited

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cefferty, Connelly, Devine, Heberton and Holloway.

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS : CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

(1) CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 25 August 2000, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge 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 Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge.

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

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate for Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge, be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received by this Council from stadium management:-

- (1) that confirmation be received by 31 August 2001 that the remedial works identified within the Certificate of Structural Integrity have been completed, and in particular (a) that the steel frame members in the North Stand are treated and painted to avoid any further deterioration; (b) that any loose or damaged roof decking and cladding is made good, and (c) that any

- missing/rust coated flange connection bolts in the pylons are replaced with galvanised replacement bolts;
- (2) that an annual risk assessment of crush barriers and handrails be submitted by 31 August 2001;
 - (3) that a periodic inspection report on the electrical installations be submitted by 30 September 2001, and
 - (4) that written confirmation be received that the steel supports for the metal sheeting fixed to the roof of the turnstiles leading to the North Terracing have been repaired satisfactorily.

(2) GUYSMEADOW STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 25 October 1999, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Guysmeadow Stadium, Cumbernauld 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 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 for the Regulated Stand at Guysmeadow Stadium.

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

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate in respect of the Regulated Stand at Guysmeadow Stadium, Cumbernauld be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received by this Council from the stadium management by 31 August 2001:-

- (1) that a Certificate of Structural Integrity be submitted;
- (2) that the damaged areas of the terracing steps be repaired to prevent a trip hazard, and
- (3) that a system of record keeping 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.

(3) DUNCANSFIELD STADIUM, KILSYTH

3. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 25 October, 1999, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Duncansfield Stadium, Kilsyth 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 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 for Duncansfield Stadium, Kilsyth.

Consideration was also given to verbal reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and from Cumbernauld United Football Clubs' Secretary.

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate in respect of the Regulated Stand at Duncansfield Stadium, Kilsyth be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received by this Council from the stadium management by 31 August 2001:-

- (1) that a Certificate of Structural Integrity be submitted;
- (2) that the brickwork in the small wall at the rear of the Stand be reinstated and the ground level sheeting rails to be affixed to the brickwork;
- (3) that the holes/gaps in the terracing steps be repaired to prevent a trip hazard, and
- (4) that a system of record keeping 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.

(4) BROADWOOD STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 25 August 2000, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 June 2000 by the Director of Administration (1) reminding Members of the 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 Certificates for Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld.

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

Decided: that the General Safety Certificates for Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received by this Council from the stadium management by 31 August 2001:-

- (1) that an Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity be submitted, and
- (2) that an annual risk assessment of crush barriers and handrails be submitted.