

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS – CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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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 which have been passed to the General Manager:-
- 2.1.1 The report on crush barriers and handrails submitted requires (a) routine maintenance of paintwork, (b) repairs to perimeter gate at east end of Main Stand, and (c) repairs to the perimeter gate at centre Main Stand to be undertaken;
- 2.1.2 A Periodic Inspection Report on the electrical installations to be submitted, clearly identifying the emergency lighting circuits, and
- 2.1.3 The Structural Appraisal report submitted recommends (a) the establishment of a regular inspection and maintenance programme for the steelwork to ensure the continued integrity of the structure; (b) the replacement of missing and rust coated flange connection bolts on the lighting pylons, and (c) that the rear column base plate of the south-west lighting pylon should be grouted.

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 of the Department of Administration at extension 2259.