

Motherwell, 24 September 2002 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer; Building Control Manager and Team Leader (Design Services).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Smith, Strathclyde Fire Brigade and S. McEwan, Strathclyde Police.

In respect of item 1: A. Cameron, Airdrieonians Football and Athletic Club.

In respect of item 2: J. Reynolds, Albion Rovers Football Club.

In respect of item 3: P. Eadie and T. Campbell, Broadwood Stadium (Cumbernauld) Limited.

In respect of item 4: B. McGill and S. Robertson, Motherwell Football and Athletic Club.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha, Connelly, Heberton and Love.

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

(1) EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 18 June 2001, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2002 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 and Athletic Club's Stadium Manager.

Decided: that consideration of the matter be continued to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee

(2) CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 27 June 2001, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2002 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 receipt of satisfactory details on the establishment of a regular inspection and maintenance programme for the steelwork to ensure the continued integrity of the structure, by 30 November 2002.

(3) BROADWOOD STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 27 June 2001, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 10 September 2002 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 (Cumbernauld) 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 October 2002:-

- (1) written confirmation that remedial painting works identified in the risk assessment have been undertaken, and
- (2) written confirmation that the rusting holding down bolts on the steel columns outside the South Stand have been attended to.

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 consideration of the matter.

Councillor J. Martin took the Chair.

(4) FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 18 June 2001, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Fir Park, Motherwell and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 11 September 2002 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 and Athletic Club's Acting Club Secretary.

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 by 30 November 2002:-

- (1) a satisfactory certificate in respect of the intumescent paint used within the stadium, and
- (2) details of the establishment of a programme to attend to the "medium" and "long" term requirements identified within the structural inspection report.