

Motherwell, 2 October 2002 at 1.30 pm.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. Smith, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, W. Watson and S. Irvine, Strathclyde Police, and A. Cameron, Airdrieonians Football and Athletic Club.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha and Connelly.

SAFETY OF SPORT GROUNDS : CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2002, the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of 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 1997, 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 the General Safety Certificate for Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and receipt of satisfactory insurances and appropriate documentation being received from the Stadium Management by 30 November 2002:-

- (1) a Certificate of Structural Integrity in respect of the entire stadium to be submitted, including reference to
 - (a) block work at rear of Main Stand which is cracking at lines A/B, D/E and E/F, and
 - (b) the North Stand blockwork around the low end on the main steel floor beam which has cracked;

- (2) a Periodic Inspection Report on the electrical installations to be submitted;
- (3) an Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- (4) one lock nut on base of south west floodlight pylon to be turned down;
- (5) remedial action in respect of the centre saw-cut joint in the concrete ground floor slab of the south stand, which has opened up due to shrinkage of the slab and may now form a trip hazard;
- (6) the repair of the inoperative external tannoy on the East Stand;
- (7) necessary repairs to the turnstile counter which is presently faulty and does not provide total figures for spectators in each stand;
- (8) remedial action in respect of the automatic fire shutters enclosing the Catering Kiosk, which do not presently fully operate upon operation of the Fire Warning System;
- (9) the door leading to the Press Rest Area within the East Stand to be protected by a self-closing Fire Door which provides a minimum standard of FD30S;
- (10) the Fire Warning System to be extended to provide an additional smoke detector within the Press Rest Area, fully compliant with BS5839, Part 1, 1988, and
- (11) all Annual Test Certificates, including testing of (a) the Public Address System; (b) the Emergency Lighting System, and (c) the Fire Detection Alarm, to be submitted.