

Motherwell, 25 June 2003 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor Saunders (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

S. McEwen, Strathclyde Police and C. Power, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

In respect of item 1: B. McGill, K. Davis and I. Stillie, Motherwell Football and Athletic Club .

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

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

In respect of item 4: A. Cameron, Excelsior Stadium.

APOLOGIES

Provost Connelly and Councillors Chadha, Homer, Irvine and McAuley.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Holloway declared a pecuniary interest, and took no part in consideration of the matter.

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

(1) FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2002, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Fir Park, Motherwell and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 17 June 2003 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 oral reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and from Motherwell Football and Athletic Club's Stadium Support Manager.

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 by the Council from the stadium management by 31 July 2003:-

- (1) confirmation to be provided that the intumescent fire protection repair to the south stand will achieve a one hour period of fire protection;
- (2) a periodic electrical installations report to be submitted;
- (3) the cladding behind the disabled section of the Main Stand to be repaired or replaced;
- (4) the nosings to the gangways in the North Stand should be painted in a contrasting colour;
- (5) that the space frame roof in the Davie Cooper stand, which is showing signs of corrosion, be included in a maintenance programme;
- (6) damage to fire proofing on steel beams above five-a-side gymnasium should be repaired;
- (7) an annual inspection of the automatic roller shutters requires to be carried out and submitted;
- (8) an annual barriers and handrails risk assessment to be carried out and submitted, and
- (9) an annual audit of the fire safety risk assessment requires to be carried out and submitted.

(2) CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2002, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 17 June 2003 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 oral 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 the Council from the stadium management by 31 July 2003:-

- (1) the erection of fire door keep shut notices on the kitchen door, tea room door and door from main stair at manger's office;
- (2) the completion of repairs to the floor in the entrance to the ball boys area, and

- (3) the receipt of clarification from the Football Club's consultants, Lynx Building Design, on the structural appraisal recently prepared by that company on behalf of the Football Club in relation to the North Terracing, regarding the recommendation that a protective treatment be applied to curtail further deterioration of the steelwork, and the satisfactory completion of those works, if necessary to maintain the structure in a stable condition.

(3) BROADWOOD STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2002, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 17 June 2003 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 Certificate for Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld.

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

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate for Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld, be renewed, subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received by the Council from the stadium management by 31 July 2003:-

- (1) all defective and rusting seat supports to be inspected during the structural inspection to determine whether the metal frames are structurally safe;
- (2) an annual risk assessment to be submitted;
- (3) an annual certificate of structural integrity to be submitted;
- (4) some external signage is showing effects of weathering and will require to be replaced in the near future, and
- (5) a periodic electrical installation report to be submitted.

(4) EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 2 October 2002, the Sub-Committee visited and inspected Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 17 June 2003 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 oral reports from representatives of the various services which had been involved in the inspection process and from the Stadium Manager.

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate for Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie, be renewed.