

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 1 July 2005	Ref: PS/RM	

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council has, after a series of earlier meetings, adopted practices in relation to its responsibilities for the certification of "Designated Sports Grounds" in North Lanarkshire and agreed to the establishment of a Safety of Sports Grounds Officer Working Group representing a variety of disciplines which assist 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 met with representatives from the stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the stadium.

2. Current Position

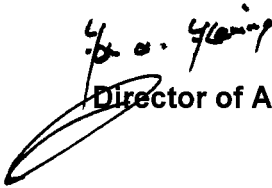
As a result of these inspections, the undernoted matters have been identified as requiring attention, details of which have been passed to the General Manager for his attention.

- 2.1. Annual Risk Assessment Certificate to be submitted;
- 2.2. Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
- 2.3. Main South Stand showing signs of corrosion in roof steelwork and the Structural Engineer should comment upon this;
- 2.4. Clear UPVC glazing screen to the west of the Main Stand has been replaced and the Structural Engineer should comment thereon;
- 2.5. North Stand should be closed/cordoned off to prevent public access;
- 2.6. Metal palisade fencing forming part of the north west boundary is damaged and the Structural Engineer should comment thereon;
- 2.7. Approximately 15 metres of sheet metal fencing forming the north boundary adjacent to the North Stand is damaged and the Structural Engineer should comment thereon;
- 2.8. Extensive corrosion to the flag pole to be addressed;
- 2.9. All wedges to be removed from the Fire Doors;
- 2.10. All final exit doors should have chains/timber stays removed;

- 2.11. Some internal luminaries were defective and require to be replaced;
- 2.12. Partial emergency lighting to Main Stand, two halogen bulbs to be replaced;
- 2.13. Defective sounder outside the Referee's Changing Room to be replaced, and
- 2.14. Periodic Electrical Inspection Certificate to be submitted.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and representations from the 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 Paul Shiach of the Department of Administration at Extension 2443.