

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL
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 Fir Park and met with representatives from the stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the stadium.

2. Composition

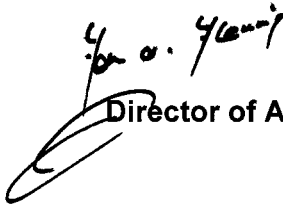
As a result of these inspections, the undernoted matters have been identified as requiring attention, details of which have been passed to the Facilities Manager for his attention:-

- 2.1. Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- 2.2. Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted;
- 2.3. Periodic Electrical Inspection report to be submitted;
- 2.4. Application for Certificate of Completion and Compliance Certificate for Electrical Installation for alterations to the Carlsberg Bar to be submitted;
- 2.5. Application for Certificate of Completion and Compliance Certificate for Electrical Installation for alterations to form the Boiler Room at the South Stand to be submitted;
- 2.6. Intumescent strip to the door at the entrance to the Davie Cooper Suite to be provided;
- 2.7. Intumescent paint to the external steel on the South Stand to be repaired;
- 2.8. Wall outside the Main Stand next to the car park has been damaged and loose bricks require to be removed or repaired;
- 2.9. Centenary Suite rear escape at kitchen – storage to be re-positioned to allow adequate clear escape;

- 2.10. Sponsors Lounge:- second means of escape to be clearly identified;
- 2.11. All combustible materials to be removed from space below the South Stand;
- 2.12. Building Control Enquiry to be submitted for unauthorised alteration to form door to kit room;
- 2.13. Roof steelwork to the Main Stand are showing signs of corrosion and should be reported upon in terms of Item 2 above;
- 2.14. Space frame in the Davie Cooper Stand is showing signs of corrosion and should be reported upon in terms of Item 2 above;
- 2.15. Flaking paint and areas of corrosion on the steelwork beams above the external pend within the South Stand to be reported in terms of Item 2 above, and
- 2.16. Structural Engineer to provide clarification on requirements in terms of re-painting of Stands.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and representations from the Facilities Manager for Motherwell Football Club 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.