

Motherwell, 7 July 2005 at 9.30 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Holloway, Convener; Councillors Gormill, McAuley, McKenna, J. Martin, Saunders and Wallace

CHAIR

Councillor Holloway (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Manager; Building Control Manager, and an Engineer (Design Services).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Inspector Jamieson, Strathclyde Police, and Sub-Officer Gordon, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

In respect of item 1 – David Shanks, Vice-Chairman, Albion Rovers Football Club

In respect of item 2 – A. Cameron, Stadium Manager, Excelsior Stadium

In respect of item 3 – K. Davies, Facilities Manager, Motherwell Football and Athletic Club

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha and Irvine.

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

(1) CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE

1. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 1 July 2005 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 Sports 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 Vice-Chairman.

The Convener drew particular attention to concerns which had been expressed with regard to the positioning of wedges at Fire Doors and the use of chains and timber stays on Fire Doors and requested that stadia management take the necessary action to ensure no repeat of these practices.

In response Mr. D. Shanks, Vice-Chairman of the Club confirmed that the necessary action would be taken in future to comply with these requirements.

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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 5 August 2005:-

- (1) the extensive corrosion to the flag pole to be addressed;
- (2) all wedges to be removed from the fire doors, and
- (3) all final exit doors to have chains/timber stays removed.

(2) EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE

2. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected the Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 1 July 2005 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 Fires Safety and Safety of Places of Sports 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 subject to the undernoted works being completed and assurances and appropriate documentation being received by the Council from the Stadium Management by 5 August 2005:-

- (1) Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- (2) Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity, and
- (3) Periodic Electrical Inspection Report to be submitted.

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

(3) FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

3. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected Fir Park, Motherwell and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 1 July 2005 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 Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports 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 the Stadium Manager.

Decided: that the General Safety Certificate for Fir Park Stadium, 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 5 August 2005:-

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- (1) Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- (2) Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted;
- (3) Periodic Electrical Inspection Report to be submitted;
- (4) Application for Certificate of Completion and Compliance Certificate for Electrical Installation for alterations to the Carlsberg Bar to be submitted;
- (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;
- (6) Intumescent Strip to the door and the Entrance to the Davie Cooper Suite to be provided;
- (7) Intumescent Paint to the External Steel on the South Stand to be repaired;
- (8) Wall outside the Main Stand next to the Car Park to be repaired;
- (9) Centenary Suite Rear Escape at Kitchen Storage to be re-positioned to allow adequate clear escape;
- (10) Sponsors Lounge second means of escape to be clearly identified;
- (11) All combustible materials to be removed from the space below the South Stand;
- (12) Building Control Enquiry to be submitted for unauthorised alteration to form door to Kit Room;
- (13) Roof Steelwork to Main Stand showing signs of corrosion to be reported upon in terms of Item 2 above;
- (14) Space Frame in Davie Cooper Stand showing signs of corrosion and should be reported upon in terms of Item 2 above;
- (15) Flaking Paint and areas of corrosion on the steelwork beams above the external paint within the South Stand to be reported on in terms of Item 2 above, and
- (16) Structural Engineer to provide clarification on requirements in terms of the painting of Stands.