

**Motherwell, 25 June 2007 at 9 am.**

A Special Meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Hogg, Convener; Councillor McAuley, Vice-Convener; Councillor McElroy.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Hogg (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Manager, Senior Building Standards Surveyor and Engineer (Design Services).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Officers C. Power, A. Nelson and G. Connelly, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and Inspectors S. Noble, R. Jakeway and T. McNicol, Strathclyde Police.

In respect of item 1 – B. Dickie, Chairman, R. Rodger, General Manager and L. Blair, Safety Officer, Motherwell Football and Athletic Club.

In respect of item 2 – J. Reynolds, General Manager, Cliftonhill Stadium.

In respect of item 3 – A. Cameron, Stadium Manager, Excelsior Stadium.

In respect of item 4 – T. Campbell, Acting General Manager, Broadwood Stadium.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Harmon, Irvine, S. Love and Wallace.

**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS**

**(1) FIR PARK STADIUM, MOTHERWELL**

1. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected Fir Park Stadium, Motherwell and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 18 June 2007 by the Head of Central Services (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 Fir Park Stadium, Motherwell.

Consideration was also given to oral reports from representatives of the various services which have been involved in the inspection process and from Motherwell Football and Athletic Club's Chairman, General Manager and Safety Officer.

**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 27 July 2007:-

- (1) Periodic Electrical Inspection Certificate to be submitted, and
- (2) front rail along upper level of South Stand to be painted.

**(2) CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE**

2. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 18 June 2007 by the Head of Central Services (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 have been involved in the inspection process and from Albion Rovers Football Club's Chairman, General Manager and Safety Officer.

**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 27 July 2007:-

- (1) Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted;
- (2) written confirmation that the timber rot suffered by the timber fillets set into steel roof pillions in the Main Stand do not pose a risk to the public and any remedial action being undertaken if deemed necessary, and
- (3) the condition of the 10 metre long section of sheet metal boundary fence adjacent to the North Stand to be monitored on a regular basis, for a record of such inspection to be kept and for any remedial action to be undertaken if deemed necessary.

**(2) EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE**

3. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 18 June 2007 by the Head of Central Services (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 Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie.

Consideration was also given to oral reports from representatives of the various services which have 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 27 July 2007:-

- (1) Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- (2) Annual Fire Risk Assessment to be submitted;

- (3) Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted;
- (4) Periodic Electrical Inspection Report to be submitted;
- (5) Annual Certificate of Risk Assessment of Barriers to be submitted;
- (6) written confirmation that various fire door defects previously identified by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue have been rectified to be submitted;
- (7) bird droppings to be cleaned from the steel frames forming the roof structure on all stands, and
- (8) loose loudspeaker located adjacent to fire exit at North Stand to be repaired.

**(4) BROADWOOD STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD**

4. The Sub-Committee visited and inspected Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and thereafter considered a report (docketed) dated 18 June 2007 by the Head of Central Services (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 Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld.

Consideration was also given to oral reports from representatives of the various services which have been involved in the inspection process and from the Acting Stadium 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 27 July 2007:-

- (1) Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- (2) Annual Fire Risk Assessment to be submitted, and
- (3) Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted.