

SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

ABERDEEN, 5 April 2012. - Minute of Meeting of the SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP. Present: - Eric Anderson, Arlene Dunbar (Litigation and Licensing), Natalie Grimmer (Grampian Police), Dave McIntosh (Emergency Planning), John Morgan and Gordon Ritchie (Aberdeen Football Club) and Grant Tierney (Building Standards).

Apologies: Andrew Gilchrist, Environmental Health.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF 31 JANUARY 2012

1. The Group had before it the minute of the meeting of 31 January 2012.

The Group resolved:-
to approve the minute.

ABERDEEN FOOTBALL CLUB GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE RENEWAL – ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

2. Eric Anderson enquired if the renewal of the Safety Certificate was progressing in accordance with the agreed timetable.

Grant Tierney informed the Group that the timetable had slipped due to the structural engineering report not being submitted on time. He advised that he had inspected the stadium on two occasions and had inspected all aspects of it with the exception of the internal aspects of the main stand. He further commented that the inspections were taking longer than in previous years due to the timetable being brought forward as the Club would have usually carried out some remedial works during the off season.

Grant Tierney advised that he would provide the Club with a list of items that required action, although he acknowledged that they have already undertaken some work as part of their ongoing maintenance.

John Morgan advised that if Aberdeen qualified for the Scottish Cup final and thereafter made it into Europe, UEFA would require the certificate to be completed by June. He further advised that the engineering certificates had now been submitted and circulated to members of the Group.

In conclusion, the Group agreed that the renewal of the certificate was proceeding in accordance with the timetable set out.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**3. (A) Match Day Inspections**

Grant Tierney reminded the Group that although it had been previously agreed that two match day inspections would be carried out in a season, to date, only one had been carried out.

The Group resolved:-

- (i) to carry out the inspection at the Aberdeen v St Mirren game on Saturday 12 May 2012 as this will be a police free match;
- (ii) that Gordon Ritchie would provide to Litigation & Licensing an agenda for the match for distribution to the Group; and
- (iii) that Group members should confirm their intention to attend in advance of the game.

(B) Stadium Plan

There was a brief discussion regarding the location of a hot food van at the stadium during Old Firm matches. It was agreed that the location of this van should be included in the stadium plan which forms part of the Safety Certificate and that a new set of plans should be submitted by the Club to Litigation and Licensing for inclusion with the certificate for its renewal.