

## SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

ABERDEEN, 30 May 2012. - Minute of Meeting of the SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP. Present: - Eric Anderson, Jacqui Wallace (Litigation and Licensing), Kevin Coutts (GFRS), Grant Tierney (Building Standards), Keith Henderson, David Paterson (Grampian Police), Paul Hendry, John Morgan and Gordon Ritchie (AFC).

Apologies: Dave McIntosh (Emergency Planning)

### **MINUTE OF MEETING OF 5 APRIL 2012**

1. The Group had before it the minute of the meeting of 5 April 2012.

**The Group resolved:-**  
to approve the minute.

### **ABERDEEN FOOTBALL CLUB GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE RENEWAL**

2. Eric Anderson reminded the Group that it had agreed to an itinerary in respect of the Safety Certificate, which should be adhered to.

He explained that the Certificate should be amended.

#### **Decision**

1. that the location of the burger van be included in the layout plan which is attached as an appendix to the Safety Certificate;
2. that Aberdeen Football Club would provide 7 copies of the layout plan incorporating that amendment;
3. the amendment would also be included in the club's Fire Risk Assessment; and
4. Eric Anderson will draft the Certificate and circulate it with a deadline for comments, with a view to having it being completed and executed June 2012.

### **MATCH DAY INSPECTION – 12 MAY 2012**

3. Only the Fire Service was represented at the match day inspection, which was a police-free event. Kevin Coutts advised that GFRS had nothing adverse to report.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

4. Eric Anderson informed the Group that following the Local Government elections a new Licensing Committee had been appointed. Its first meeting takes place on 6 June, 2012 at which it will consider a report into its various Sub-Groups. The recommendation is to continue to have a Sports Grounds Advisory Group

(SGAG), consisting of five Members. Future meetings of the Working Group can not therefore be scheduled until the Committee makes a decision on the parent group.

## **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

### **5. (A) Membership of Group**

John Morgan informed the Group that he retires from his full-time role as Operations Manager on Friday 01 June 2012. He will, however, still be there on a part-time basis and will continue in his role as Safety Officer on match days.

Paul Henry has been appointed as Facilities Manager and he will be taking John's place on the Group; all future correspondence should be sent to Paul.

### **(B) New Stadium**

John Morgan advised the Group that Aberdeen Football Club is aiming to have the new stadium ready for the 2014/15 season and will therefore remain at Pittodrie for the next two seasons.

## **Decision**

1. It was agreed that the new stadium would be added as a standing item on all future agendas to ensure that the working group is regularly kept up to date on progress.