

SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

ABERDEEN 20 June 2013. Minute of Meeting of the SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP.

Present:- Eric Anderson (Litigation and Licensing), Paul Hendry and John Morgan (Aberdeen Football Club), Andrew Gilchrist (Environmental Health), Ed Fitzgibbon and Bob Shand (Police Scotland, Events Planning) and Grant Tierney (Building Standards).

Apologies for absence: John McCulloch. (Scottish Ambulance Service), Kevin Coutts (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

MINUTE OF MEETING OF SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP OF 26 APRIL 2013

1. The Group had before it the minute of meeting of the Sports Ground Advisory Working Group of 26 April 2013.

The Group resolved:-
To approve the minute

MATTERS ARISING

2. (1) Reference is made to Article 3 (C) of the minute of meeting of 26 April – Inspection Report: Pittodrie Inspection 15 February 2013- wherein it was resolved that Aberdeen Football Club would provide a formal written response to the post inspection report for consideration by the Group. The response was now provided by the Club for consideration at this meeting. Whilst the Club had mentioned that it had sub-contracted stewarding duties to G4S, the Group reminded the Club that ultimate responsibility for stewarding lay with the Club. Grant Tierney reminded the Club that some items which had been raised previously still remained outstanding. It was noted however that these items were being attended to and that Paul Hendry was to provide an updated report at the end of the month.

The Group resolved:-
to note the position

(2) Reference is made to Article 3(E) of the minute of meeting of 26 April – Match Day Inspection - wherein it was resolved that two match day inspections would be carried out next season the first of which would be arranged early in the season. The Club provided its fixture list for season 2013/14 which was circulated amongst the Group. It was agreed that

each inspection date should also have an alternative date in case of unforeseen changes such as to meet television commitments.

The Group resolved:-

that match day inspections would take place at the following fixtures (a) 31 August 2013 (St Johnstone) [alternative 21 September 2013 (Inverness)] and (b) 22 March 2014 (Kilmarnock) [alternative 29 March 2014 (Dundee United)].

ABERDEEN FOOTBALL CLUB GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

3. The Group had before it the draft of the Safety Certificate which had already been circulated for consideration. Following discussion, it was agreed to approve the Certificate with the following amendments: (a) Paragraph 14: Additional stewarding management arrangements to be included for both the ground in general and in particular the Richard Donald Stand Upper Deck especially when it is closed and (b) Appendix 5 of the Certificate which relates to Further Deviations to remove certain previous outstanding works which had now been satisfactorily completed.

The Group resolved:-

to approve the Safety Certificate incorporating the said revisions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013

4. The Group noted the date of the next meeting.

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5. The Group recognised that no representative from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had attended recent meetings of the Group.

The Group resolved:-

to write to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to clarify their representation at future meetings.