

Sports Ground Advisory Working Group

ABERDEEN, 20 February 2014. Minute of the meeting of the SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP MEETING. Present:- Eric Anderson (Litigation & Licensing), Jacqui Wallace (Litigation & Licensing), Grant Tierney (Building Standards), Andrew Gilchrist (Environmental Health), Willie Tocher (SFRS), Ed Fitzgibbon (Police Scotland), Paul Hendry (Aberdeen Football Club) and Roland George (AFC)

MINUTE OF MEETING OF SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP OF 03 DECEMBER 2013

The Group had before it the minute of the meeting of the Sports Ground Advisory Working Group of 03 December 2013.

The Group resolved:-

To approve the minute

ABERDEEN FOOTBALL CLUB GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE- UPDATE

The Group was advised that AFC had submitted 19 supporting documents ahead of the deadline of 14 February 2014. Eric Anderson asked that each member of the group advise him which documents were relevant to each service.

The Group was reminded that all pre-inspections are to have taken place by 03 March 2014. Grant Tierney stated that he would require time to study the documentation prior to carrying out his inspection and it was agreed that he would undertake the inspection on Friday 07 March 2014.

Eric Anderson informed the group that the Safety Certificate must be approved by the Licensing Committee before it is signed off by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. In practice, this would mean that the Safety Certificate must be finalised and ready for approval by 01 July 2014, which is the date of the last Licensing Committee prior to the summer vacation.

The Group resolved:-

to aim to have all the necessary procedures in place in time to allow the Safety Certificate to be approved by the Licensing Committee at its meeting of 01 July 2014.

MATCH DAY INSPECTIONS

Paul Hendry confirmed that the Club had considered the report from SFRS which had been drafted following the match day inspection in September 2013 and had

then met with representatives of G4S to discuss the findings. It was agreed that AFC would provide feedback to the Group.

The Group was reminded that it had previously been agreed to hold two inspections during season 2013/14 and therefore one further inspection is required. Paul Hendry stated that the fixture list for after the SPL split would not be available until mid March; the last home game before the split would be against Dundee United on either Friday 28 or Saturday 29 March 2014.

The Group resolved:-

- (i) that AFC would provide to the Group a written response to the SFRS' report; and
- (ii) that the remaining inspection would take place at the Dundee United game should it be held on Friday 28 March 2014.

LISTING OF INDIVIDUAL STAND CAPACITIES - UPDATE

Paul Hendry informed the Group that the Club had carried out an updated assessment of its seating capacity within the stadium and had drafted a document containing a more detailed breakdown of the capacity of each stand including those seats which were unusable. This document was circulated to members of the Group.

The Group resolved:-

- (i) that Grant Tierney would liaise with the Club with the aim of refining the document if necessary; and
- (ii) the Club would thereafter provide a note to Eric Anderson detailing the proposed changes to the Safety Certificate in respect of capacity.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5. Tuesday 06 May 2014.