

## SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

ABERDEEN 06 May 2014. Minute of Meeting of the SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP.

Present:- Eric Anderson (Litigation and Licensing), Janey McFarlane (Litigation and Licensing), Paul Hendry and Roland George (Aberdeen Football Club), Andrew Gilchrist (Environmental Health), Hector Maclean (Police Scotland), Willie Tocher (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) and Grant Tierney (Building Standards).

### **MINUTE OF MEETING OF SPORTS GROUND ADVISORY WORKING GROUP OF 06 May 2014**

The Group had before it the minute of meeting of the Sports Ground Advisory Working Group of 20 February 2014.

**The Group resolved:-**

To approve the minute

### **ABERDEEN FOOTBALL CLUB GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE- UPDATE**

A final draft of the General Safety Certificate was circulated it contained proposed amendments by AFC. The amendments included a review of the Club's seating capacity. AFC informed the group that everything has been completed in terms of the seat adjustments for capacity and circulated a screenshot of the seats which confirmed this. AFC also circulated documents showing the PSN Factors for each stand.

The Group was asked if anyone wished to propose any changes to the Certificate. Grant Tierney indicated he would like to arrange another site visit to confirm the extent of the changes to the capacity of the ground. Other than that he was happy with the draft Safety Certificate. The remaining members of the group confirmed they were satisfied with the draft Safety Certificate and the plans. Grant Tierney wanted to confirm whether the WCs are to be built within the main stand. AFC confirmed it was all in the updated plans. AFC stated that the majority of the maintenance would start on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May and there would be a 5 week window to complete the work.

**The Group resolved:-**

The new plans would be circulated to the Group for approval by the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 if the plans are acceptable.

It was agreed that the Club would send a further update of the completed work and maintenance completed by 17<sup>th</sup> June to the Group.

## **MATCH DAY INSPECTIONS**

### **(a) Match Day Inspection 21 September 2013 – AFC Response to SFRS Match Day Report**

A report had been circulated following the Match day inspection which took place last year. Grant Tierney suggested that different stewards should be responsible for different tasks within each stand. AFC has employed someone to tackle the specific issues which are occurring with the stewards.

### **(b) Future Match Day inspections**

It was recognised that a second match day inspection could not take place before the end of the season.

#### **The Group resolved:-**

Two match day inspections would take place next season, one of them being early in the season. These are to be organised once the fixture dates are known.

## **MATCH DAY INCIDENTS**

Eric Anderson highlighted that any incidents which are relevant to the Safety Certificate should be raised with the Group. AFC confirmed that reports are sent to Police Scotland after each game detailing any incidents that occur.

#### **The Group resolved:-**

That if any relevant incident of significance arises either Police Scotland or AFC will report it to the Sports Ground Advisory Working Group for its consideration.

## **AOCB**

### **UEFA SAFETY CERTIFICATE**

AFC explained that UEFA will submit an official document which will have to be signed on behalf of the Local Authority confirming that the appropriate safety standards are in place.

#### **The Group resolved:-**

To note its position and to request the Club to submit the form just as soon as it has been received from UEFA.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2014**

The Group agreed that the date of its next meeting would be the 28 August 2014. It was noted that this could be changed once the new fixture list was known.