

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, NG2 3NG on 10 July 2018 from 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Brian Grocock (Chair)
Councillor Cheryl Barnard
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan
Councillor Dave Liversidge
Councillor Adele Williams

Absent

Councillor David Smith
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim
Councillor Carole McCulloch
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Nick Raine
Councillor Mohammed Saghir
Councillor Linda Woodings
Councillor Jim Armstrong
Councillor Corall Jenkins

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Matthew Daft	- Environmental Health Officer)	
Paul Dales	- Operations Manager)	Commercial & Operations
Catrin Styles	- Principal Environmental Officer)	
Amanda Fletcher	- Safety Certificate Holder)	
Mark Huckerby	- Head of Operations)	Notts County Football Club
Dave Langton	- Head of Security)	
Richard Bines	- Solicitor to the Committee)	Strategy & Resources
Mark Leavesley	- Governance Officer)	

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Neal - other Council business

Councillor Armstrong)
Councillor Ibrahim)
Councillor Jenkins) personal
Councillor Smith)
Councillor Woodings)

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

10 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

11 ANNUAL REVIEW OF GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE: NOTTS COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community Protection.

Councillors on the Committee visited Notts County Football Club sports ground to carry out an inspection, accompanied by colleagues and members of the Safety Advisory Group, including Fire, Police and Ambulance Service representatives and Sue Storey, Sports Grounds Safety Authority Lead Inspector for the Midlands.

Amanda Fletcher, as Holder of the Certificate, facilitated the visit and attended the meeting to answer questions from the Committee.

Paul Dales, Operations Manager, Safer Business, presented the report, detailing the main issues, electrical and fire safety management work, deviations from the Green Guide and scope of the proposed Certificate. Paul Dales also highlighted that there remained an outstanding issue in that Certifying Authority was not yet satisfied as to documentation provided by the Club as to the assessment of a safe capacity for the Jimmy Sirrel Stand and concourse. Discussion had taken place with the Club and a draft 'Jimmy Sirrel Stand Action Plan' document had been circulated detailing what the Club's documented plans should contain. Subject to provision of a satisfactory final action plan, which the Club indicated could be provided within 14days, the proposal would be to alter the recommendation to Committee; to note the appointment of Amanda Fletcher as the General Safety Certificate Holder; to note the proposed certificate; and to delegate authority to the Director of Community Protection, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson, to amend and/or replace the existing Certificate.

Councillors were satisfied, save for resolution over the documentation provided by the Club as to the assessment of a safe capacity for the Jimmy Sirrel Stand and concourse, as to the terms of the proposed certificate. Councillors noted the general good progress made by the Club in ensuring the safety of all those who used the sports ground for certificated purposes and the intention of both the Certifying Authority and Club to work towards a new style certificate.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the Committee notes the terms of the proposed General Safety Certificate and, subject to Jimmy Sirrel Stand concourse capacity numbers, were satisfied as to its content;**
- (2) the Club be requested to provide to the Council, by no later than 29 July 2018, a 'Jimmy Sirrel Stand Action Plan';**
- (3) following receipt of the Plan in (2) above, and consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson, the Director of Community Protection be authorised to amend and/or replace the existing Certificate;**
- (4) the appointment of Amanda Fletcher as 'General Safety Certificate Holder' be noted.**