

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bonallie, Emerson, Francis, P. Gibson, MacKnight, Maddison, F. Miller, D. Richardson, D. Smith, Thomson, Waller and Wiper

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Thompson and Wiper declared personal interests in item 6 on the agenda as Police pension holders.

Councillor Waller declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 9 as the applicant was known to her and left the Committee Room during the consideration of the matter taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bell and Errington.

Sunderland Stadium of Light – Renewal of Safety Certificate for Season 2011/2012

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the application by Sunderland Association Football Club for the renewal of the General Safety Certificate for season 2011/2012.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) approval be given to the grant of a General Safety Certificate for the Sunderland Stadium of Light for the season 2011/2012 for capacities of 48,900 (non segregated match) and 48,656 (segregated match) on the same terms as in the current Safety Certificate; and
- (ii) no increase be made in the fee payable for the Certificate.

Sunderland Stadium of Light – Restriction on General Safety Certificate

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) on a recommendation that a limit be imposed upon the number of tickets made available by Sunderland Association Football Club to the visiting fans of Newcastle United on Saturday, 20th August, 2011.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) approval be given to the setting of a limit of 2,700 visiting fans for the fixture with Newcastle United on Saturday, 20th August, 2011 on the grounds of authorising the Club to take all necessary precautions for the reasonable safety of spectators at the game as per Condition 4; and
- (ii) the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to follow such procedure and issue such notice needed to obtain compliance with the proposed restriction.

Street Collection Permits within the Vicinity of the Sunderland Stadium of Light

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested that the Chairman of the Regulatory Committee carry out the draw for the allocation of street collections within the vicinity of Sunderland Stadium of Light for the season 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report informing the Committee of a request from the SAFC Foundation to hold street collections at the following five fixtures:-

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| 10 th September | v | Chelsea |
| 29 th October | v | Aston Villa |
| 19 th November | v | Fulham |
| 10 th December | v | Blackburn Rovers |
| 28 th April | v | Bolton Wanderers |

Discussion ensued on the Club's request and it was agreed accordingly.

The Chairman then carried out the draw for the remaining 13 fixtures followed by a draw for a reserve list of 10 which would be allocated in order of being drawn to any other fixture which may become available e.g. a cup match or a re-scheduled league game which had been previously abandoned.

3. RESOLVED that approval be given to the following allocation of street collection permits in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light for the season 2011/12:-

| Date | Fixtures | Organisation |
|----------|-------------------------|---|
| 10/09/11 | Chelsea | SAFC Foundation |
| 17/09/11 | Stoke City | Sandhill View School Football Development |
| 01/10/11 | West Bromwich Albion | Whitburn Cricket Club |
| 29/10/11 | Aston Villa | SAFC Foundation |
| 19/11/11 | Fulham | SAFC Foundation |
| 26/11/11 | Wigan Athletic | Washington Juniors FC |
| 10/12/11 | Blackburn Rovers | SAFC Foundation |
| 26/12/11 | Everton | Beamish Raiders |
| 31/12/11 | Manchester City | Kidney Research UK |
| 21/01/12 | Swansea City | Real Athletic FC |
| 31/01/12 | Norwich City | Manzi Youth Care |
| 11/02/12 | Arsenal | Friends of Performers Stage School |
| 10/03/12 | Liverpool | Shanti International |
| 24/03/12 | Queens Park Rangers | Houghton-le-Spring District Scout Council |
| 07/04/12 | Tottenham Hotspur | Deerness Valley FC |
| 14/04/12 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | Samaritans of Sunderland |
| 28/04/12 | Bolton Wanderers | SAFC Foundation |
| 13/05/12 | Manchester United | Washington Judo Club |

| Reserve List | |
|--------------|---|
| 1 | Langley Park Cricket Club |
| 2 | Swalwell Kites |
| 3 | South Tyneside Gymnastics Club |
| 4 | Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade |
| 5 | World Challenge 2012 |
| 6 | South Shields Juniors (Under 13) |
| 7 | South Hylton Rangers Junior Football Club |
| 8 | Hylton Rangers |
| 9 | Leam Rangers |
| 10 | Lumley Ladies FC |

Consideration of a Request received from Northumbria Police in respect of Street Trading Consents in a Designated Area

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) on a request received from Northumbria Police to vary the street trading consents of those traders authorised to operate in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light on the day Sunderland AFC next play Newcastle United, 20th August, 2011.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager presented the report informing Members that the Police would prefer that the Council amended the street trading consents issued in respect of locations in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light to prevent trading on the day of the Newcastle United match. However, should Members not be so minded, the Police requested that the relevant consents were amended to cease validity on that day at the time at which the game is scheduled to commence (i.e. 12:00 midday) and that the traders be required to clear the area no later than forty five minutes before the time of the scheduled conclusion of the game (i.e. 1:00 pm).

Mr. Terrett, introduced Sgt. Mark Hobson, Northumbria Police's Football Liaison Officer who addressed questions from Members and also showed video footage of the Police operation in the Sheepfolds during the corresponding fixture last season. Sgt Hobson explained the difficulties in keeping the supporters apart whilst moving them in manageable groups to the station. They were much more difficult to move where roads were blocked by street traders. No street traders was the preferred option for the Police but they would accept the compromise of street traders cleared 45 minutes before the end of the game.

Members also heard representations from traders in the Sheepfolds area, Mr. Cooper and Mr. McCusker, who whilst not happy would go along with the compromise.

Consideration was given to the request and it was moved by Councillor P. Gibson that approval be given to the compromise position as highlighted in paragraph 3.2 of the report. Accordingly it was:-

4. RESOLVED that relevant trading consents of those traders authorised to operate in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light are amended to cease validity on 20th August at the time at which the game between Sunderland AFC and Newcastle Utd is scheduled to commence (12 midday) and that the traders be required to clear the area no later than 45 minutes before the time of the scheduled conclusion of the game (1.00 pm).

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

5. RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1974, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered likely to include the disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual and the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 1 and 3).

(Signed) A. WILSON,
Chairman.

Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to members of the public.

Additional minutes in respect of further items are included in Part II.