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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Community Forum meetings
Dear Councillor [REDACTED]

Following recent discussions with all four of our local councillors and the [REDACTED] of the GCC, it has been suggested that the Club look at ways to enhance its interaction and communication with local residents and businesses.

To facilitate this, it is proposed that a group be formed containing representatives from each of the community councils in the local area (Govan, Ibrox & Cessnock and Dumbreck) and each of our four elected councillors, Cllr [REDACTED], Cllr [REDACTED], Cllr [REDACTED] and Cllr [REDACTED]. The Club will also be represented in the group at a senior level. The intention is to hold a quarterly meeting where we can discuss issues pertinent to local residents and businesses and keep you informed and consulted on the Club's plans for future developments for the stadium and the areas immediately surrounding the stadium.

As you may well be aware, the Club established a joint community initiative in conjunction with Police Scotland in the past year or so which has been aimed at improving the matchday experience for locals (see below). We have received positive feedback from residents and Police Scotland to this and we would like to continue to make further improvements, but we want to do that in consultation with local stakeholders which will involve, amongst others, local community councillors, local Councillors, Glasgow City Council officers, Glasgow Housing Association and Glasgow Life.

We want to build positive and constructive relationships with all local stakeholders and, in our view, this is most likely to be achieved through regular open dialogue and communication.

I look forward to hearing from you and to meeting you or your colleagues at the first of our quarterly meetings. I would propose holding the inaugural meeting sometime in August, subject to everyone's availability.

Best regards.

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Community Initiatives Programme

The joint Club / Police Scotland Community Initiative has been running for over a year now. Club Stewards and Officers from the Problem Solving Unit at Helen Street Police Office carry out joint uniform patrols in the 2 hour period leading up to kick-off. They patrol hot spots and tackle the issues head on. The complaints they would typically deal with are:

- Drinking alcohol in public places
- Under-age drinking
- Littering
- Urinating in public
- Noise nuisance
- Indiscriminate parking

Areas tackled so far in addition to Edmiston Drive, Copland Road and Broomloan Road include:

- Fairley Street and Whitefield Road – *street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour*
- Ibrox Terrace and Merrick Gardens – *street drinking, underage drinking and urinating in tenement closes*
- Harrison Drive – *supporters in possession of alcohol are regularly stopped and alcohol disposed of as*

they approach the stadium

- Woodville Street – *indiscriminate parking*
- Paisley Road West – *alcohol in possession of street drinkers seized and disposed of*
- Ibrox Terrace Lane – *youth disorder, street drinking and littering*
- Hinshelwood Drive – *street drinking and littering*
- Helen Street Retail Park – *unauthorised use of car park facilities*

Stewards report that their presence on the streets has attracted much favourable comment from residents when they see them intervening on behalf of the Club. Police Scotland have been similarly fulsome in their praise for the approach being taken by the Club to play it's part as a good neighbour in trying to minimise and mitigate some of the negative aspects of attracting large crowds to this part of Govan on a regular basis.

Other practical measures taken by the Club to tackle these issues include:

- the installation of 6 'portaloos' at the main entrances to the stadium footprint available to the many supporters who arrive at the ground before the stadium opens.
- engagement of a waste removal and recycling company to sweep the stadium footprint, car parks and surrounding streets after match to remove litter.
- undertaking three local community clean-ups by staff and volunteers with plans to try and extend this activity with additional volunteers where possible on a monthly basis during the coming football season.

Over the last year, the Rangers Charity Foundation has been working hard to improve its links with local organisations and networks and to ensure that local people can benefit from our many community initiatives, including:

- Contributing £5,000 to the Govan Participatory Budgeting Initiative for local groups and organisations.
- Providing free weekly multi-activity sessions for young people at the Ibrox Community Complex (dance, badminton and football).
- Delivering free Walking Football sessions at the Ibrox Community Complex.
- Offering men's and women's Football Fans in Training (FFIT) programmes for the over 35s and a free weekly FFIT session for those who have completed the programme and who wish to keep up with their fitness and wellbeing.
- Establishing a weekly drop-in service in the Ibrox Community Hub space at the stadium for those recovering from addiction, many of whom have previously attended our Recovery with Rangers course.
- Engaging with the developing Govan Thriving Place initiative.
- Arranging annual collections for the local food bank service at Ibrox Parish Church and making financial donations to assist during the festive season.
- Welcoming volunteers from Govan High School to hold a match day can collection in support of their football team.
- Christmas activities including a special festive lunch at Ibrox for older people in the local community as well as donations of toys for local charities and organisations which support vulnerable young people and their families.
- Developing a new Hub in the Community project in Govan High School with a new Community Hub Officer recently recruited to help drive forward this exciting new initiative.

In addition to these activities, the Foundation continues to deliver a range of bespoke education and employability focused programmes in local schools and at our Ibrox Community Hub facility via our long established partnership with Glasgow City Council.



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