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Big Green Gathering 2009
22/07/09
Conference Room – Council Offices

Big Green Gathering (BGG) representatives
Chloe Wilson, Director, BGG
Linda Benfield, Director, BGG
Steven Muggeridge, Director, BGG

Steve Smith, (perimeter security and silver control) – Coast to Coast Security

Apologies from Brigg Oubridge

Avon and Somerset Constabulary (ASC)
Chief Inspector Paul Richards
Nicky King
Inspector Barry King

MDC
Suzanne McCutcheon
Joe Thompson
Donna Nolan
Jason Kirkwood

SM opened the meeting. Explained that the Licensing Authority has concerns regarding the event next week. Her concerns emanate from a telephone call from ASC regarding security arrangements on site, and in particular that Stuart Security (SS) were no longer contracted. It was noted that Coast to Coast were now contracted to provide security on site. However, there were no outstanding issues regarding public order/crime disorder and that we have a safe and happy event.

1. The discussion that followed clarified that the Council require written confirmation that South West Ambulance Trust have received payment. Big Green Gathering stated that the relevant Invoice date is 29 July. This invoice is not paid. BGG will be able to pay invoice, but it will not be paid in advance. BGG suggested that Richard Marlow could confirm.
2. BGG confirmed that Traffic Management Plan in place. A cheque has been sorted and relevant Orders are in place.
SM had spoken with the Highways Authority. The position as far as Somerset County Council (SCC) was concerned was that they received the 3 plans regarding the road closure orders. Road closures not in place. Not in place because the submission to SCC Highways Department was late. However, SCC Highways had indicated that the road closures could be in place by the time of commencement of the event. They would divert from the usual approach and advertise in local libraries and not in papers.
No Traffic Management Plan in place.
BGG confirmed that TMS are the contractors – are they signed up?
Road closures come into place on Monday.

Big Green Gathering explained importance of the local residents meetings in relation to traffic management.

Discussion amongst Police and MDC re: use of emergency powers to exercise the road traffic orders.

BGG confirmed that the TMP was contained in the EMP and that nothing additional has been sent through since the hearing.

BGG referred to assurances from Geoff Bunting at SCC that the Order would be in place in time.

3. Crime Risk Assessment

ASC confirmed that the EMP had been altered significantly since the first draft and thus ASC were now broadly content with the crime reduction risk assessment.

4. Personal Licence Holders

List of personal licence holders required in accordance with licence. ASC and MDC had not received them. BGG stated that is incorrect as Inspector Sean Williams of ASC has had the details. BGG undertake to forward the list later in the day.

5. Security Arrangements

Confirmed that Stuart Security have withdrawn from the contract (financial reasons). BGG are aware of the need to replace. Thus, BGG have contracted Coast to Coast.

Key issue for ASC is that they were only notified about late withdrawal of Stuart Security by chance. Therefore vacuum around who is providing security. General lack of communication from Brigg of BGG is worrying. There is a failure by BGG to communicate in writing with ASC and MDC.

Outstanding issues from Avon and Somerset Constabulary:

- 1) Are Coast to Coast operating on same level as SS? Assurances given by Coast to Coast and thus ASC content with this.
- 2) ASC need a level of assurance that payment arrangements are in place with Coast to Coast. BGG confirm payment arrangements with Contractor are resolved. Payment terms BGG to Coast to Coast 75% payment by close of business on Friday. 25% 7 days thereafter.
- 3) Silver Role. Steve Mac from SS was named as an individual in licence but since SS were no longer doing the event this could cause an issue. Thus, ASC need assurance that the new Silver Role has the same experience, qualification etc. as Steve Mac. General discussion regarding fact that Steve Smith will take on role and in particular that whilst Steve Smith has never previously had a silver role he is experienced.

Steve Smith is going on site on Sunday and staying on site until Wednesday.

Further discussion regarding security to be provided by Green Security. ASC given information regarding arrangements in respect of Bronze and that a meeting would take place tomorrow.

Steve Smith emphasised that if he was to deal with security he would require good equipment. Steve agreed to attend the next multi-agency meeting on 23 July 2009.

6. The Stewarding handbook.

Big Green Gathering alleges it was sent to Sean Williams. ASC requested that it be re-sent.

7. Heras Fencing started yesterday. There was a discussion as to how long the fencing would take, Friday or Sunday.
BGG confirmed that SRD the contractor have been paid in full.