

## Lipschitz to investigate fans' concert behaviour

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DURBAN City Councillor Mr Mike Lipschitz is to conduct an investigation into the behaviour of fans at Saturday night's rock concert at the Village Green on the beachfront, saying, "behaviour like this cannot be tolerated".

Fans clashed with police after the concert ended in the early hours of Sunday morning and loudhailers and teargas were used to disperse the thousands of people.

Mr Lipschitz spent about an hour and a half driving around the Village Green area on Saturday night after he had had several calls from irate residents complaining about the noise and unruly behaviour.

"I got there at about 2.30 and the concert must have just ended then. There were thousands of people pouring out of the concert venue making a great deal of noise.

"I witnessed several fights and a stabbing, and there were five or

six ambulances around," he said. "The police were out in full force and deserve top marks for the way they handled things."

Although the Village Green is not in a residential area, Mr Lipschitz said the sound carried very easily.

"The police had had complaints from people living on the Berea, the beachfront and at Stamford Hill," he said.

"At one point the SAP were receiving a call a minute about the concert."

Mr Rodney Quin, manager of the bands Bright Blue and Marcalex, said he was very surprised to hear of all the trouble.

Speaking from his Johannesburg office, Mr Quin he said he had left the concert just after midnight and had been very impressed with the crowd until then.

Mr Quin said the producers had seemed to want the concert to go on longer.

## LETTERS

### Music lovers keep to the rules

SIR — Mr David Marks of the Music Association of Natal, appears to be under the impression that the Ward 2 Ratepayers Association is opposed to rock concerts and the like on the Village Green.

Nothing can be fur-

ther from the truth, but he should be reminded that a rock concert is no different to any other money making commercial entity and it goes further than simply advertising the event, providing the music, and raking in the rands.

All businesses are controlled by rules and regulations, and this is all that we are attempting to achieve.

LEN RABINOWITZ

(Chairman — Ward 2 Ratepayers Association), Durban

# Music Association chairman backs Village Green concerts

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AN angry Mr David Marks, chairman of the Music Association of Natal, has lashed out at Durban city councillor Mr Mike Lipschitz who, he said today, was making "political capital" out of incidents which occurred at the Village Green early on Sunday morning.

He has also said that he would be "very happy" to discuss the matter with Mr Lipschitz as part of the investigation which Mr Lipschitz has said he will conduct following a clash between the police and

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members of the public at the rock concert.

"Mr Lipschitz and the chairman of the Ward 2 Ratepayers' Association, Mr Len Rabinowitz, have criticised the behaviour of the crowd who attended the weekend concert at the Village Green and I note that Mr Lipschitz has said that he would conduct an investigation into the fans' behaviour.

"From reports which I have had from people who were attending the concert, the trouble

was caused mainly by some footballers who had planned to stay the whole night and play their game the next day," said Mr Marks.

He said that there had been a misunderstanding by the promoter about the closing time of the concert and that it had continued until "about 1am on Sunday" rather than closing at midnight.

"The Village Green is a very necessary music venue in Durban which is culturally deprived of any location for large-scale concerts.

"To have it removed as a place for the public to enjoy

music would do this city a great disservice," he said.

"I understand that residents may complain about loud music late into the night and I agree that the night concerts should finish at midnight. However, it is envisaged that most of the future concerts would be held during the day."

Mr Marks said that an indication of the need for such a venue was proved by the number of people who had attended the concert.

"Reports that it attracted 3 000 people are wrong. About 10 000 were there," he said.