

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017** at **7.42 p.m.**

**PRESENT**        **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors M Ashcroft, J Atkinson, Kathryn Beetham, P J Bergg, B Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, D Hardaker, K Henderson, JP Hillary, Mrs WP Hillary, Mrs K Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs SJ Iveson, Mrs V M Raw and Mrs S A Symons.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor P Symons

**OFFICIALS**        Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)  
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)

23.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors E Adam, D G Atkinson and K Robson.

24.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

25.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

26.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

27.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meetings of the Recreation Committee held on the **17<sup>th</sup> May** and **31<sup>st</sup> May 2017** be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

28.    **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Festival Working Group held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were considered:

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp and

**RESOLVED** – That it be recommended that the notes and recommendations of the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May be received:

- a) The Golf Club be requested to organise a golf tournament.
- b) Officers investigate the possibility of organising a shop display/competition with a Festival theme for retailers in the Town Centre.
- c) Officers request the Town Centre Manager to erect the Company's Festival Banners in the Town Centre.
- d) The two event applications from the Oakleaf Sports Complex be agreed with a grant of £50 for disposable glassware for the Cocktail Evening.
- e) Officers research the feasibility of organising a craft competition for the Festival in 2018.

**RESOLVED** – That it be recommended that the notes and recommendations of the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be received:

- a) The Golf Tournament proceed at a cost of £657.00.
- b) The Fancy Dress event be not included in the Festival unless the relevant paperwork is received by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.
- c) That the Big Brass promotion proceed on 9<sup>th</sup> July at a cost of £500.00.

29. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ending 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2015 and 2016. The report also gave information on retail sales from the shop for the sale of drinks, snacks and golf sundries.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

30. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2016.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

31. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of events which had been organised and the cancellation of the Secondary Olympics due to bad weather.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that the report be received.

32. **CATERING SERVICE REPORT**

The Management Team and Leisure Manager submitted a report which provided members with information for consideration and approval to amend the evening opening hours for the catering provision and to amend catering staffs' working hours.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the content of the report be implemented.
- (iii) That the Service Review Sub-Committee examine the catering provision at the Oakleaf Sports Complex as part of the wider review of the Sports Complex and Golf Complex.

33. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which detailed the checks, maintenance and repairs carried out in the parks.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That Officers contact Mr L Edwards of Northumbrian Water regarding the Rain Wise scheme with a view to removing silt in the West Park Lakes.

**CHAIRMAN.**