

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY 2011** at **8.30 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors S Bambridge, W M Blenkinsopp, Mrs D
Bowman, T R Bowman, J D Clare, V Crosby, W Curtis,
Mrs M Dalton, P Ducker, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray,
Mrs J Gray, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, M
Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs V
M Raw, A Warburton.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)
Mrs C Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional)

56. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs B A Clare, T Hogan and Mrs E M Paylor.

57. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A Declaration of interest were declared by Councillor G C Gray on item 10 as having connections with the Showman's Guild.

58. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

59. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 8th December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60. **SHOW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the 5th January 2011 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor G C Gray and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the notes and the following recommendations of the Show Working Group held on **5th January 2011** be agreed:-

1. The Handcraft and Horticulture Schedule be approved subject to the alteration of Class 27 to read "A Celebration of a Royal Wedding" instead of "A Day at the Races".
2. That Professor Nincompoop be engaged for Saturday 27th August at £250.00 for the Playhouse Marquee.
3. That the following quotations be accepted:

3.1	Delta Security	£3998.00
3.2	Jeff Dobson Marquee Hire	£10,960.00
3.3	Teesdale Events	£640.00
3.4	Deborah Services Ltd	£250.00
3.5	Tony Atkinson & Associates	£784.09
3.6	John Wade Skip Hire	£289.36
3.7	TMS	£275.00

61. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted a report for the six weeks ending 2nd January 2011.

The report gave information on golf course and driving range usage and advised on a winter league on the driving range. The Golf Professional also explained that maintenance work was required on the nets surrounding the driving range.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- I. That the report be received
- II. That the Golf Professional and staff be congratulated on their efforts to keep the facility operational in the inclement weather.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave comparative information for November 2010 compared with the same period in November 2009.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received

63. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX REPORT**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ending 2nd January 2011. The report gave information regarding activities and functions held in the Sports Complex during the Christmas period and of repairs to the table tennis area.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- I. That the report be received.
- II. That the Leisure Manager and staff be congratulated on their efforts to keep the facility operational in the inclement weather.

64. **OUTSIDE EVENTS REPORT**

The Leisure and Environment Officer submitted a report which gave information regarding Santa Letters and requested members to consider quotations for the Senior Citizens' Excursions' coach costs.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended

- I. That the report be received.
- II. Lee's Coaches be awarded the contract for non-wheelchair accessible transport.
- III. Stanley Travel be awarded the contract for wheelchair accessible transport.

65. **APPLICATION FOR FUNFAIR – HORNDALE PARK**

Councillor G C Gray declared an interest as having connections with the Showman's Guild and left the meeting.

The Town Clerk submitted a report which requested members to consider a request from Turner's Spanish City Fun Fairs to agree in principle to holding a fun fair on Horndale Fields, Horndale Park.

The report gave information regarding previous applications to hold fun fairs at various locations in the Parish and of environmental factors which may impact on local residents.

Discussion took place in regard to the suitability of the site and proximity of housing.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended

- I. That the report be received
- II. That permission be not granted to hold fun fairs at Horndale Park.
- III. That no further applications be considered for the siting of a fairground on this land.

CHAIRMAN.