

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014** at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor B. Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, W.M. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C.A Wheeler.

**OFFICIALS**                Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr. S. Cooper (Environment Officer)  
Mrs. J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Mr. D. Thompson (Works Manager)  
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

70.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, M.A. Dalton and K. Henderson.

71.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

72.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

73.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

74.    **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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75.    **SHOW WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were submitted:

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:-

- (a) The report be received
- (b) A press release be sent out for community group involvement.
- (c) The Officer attempt to contact the motorcycle club regarding their participation.
- (d) A decision on the future of the Golf Tournament be delayed until May.

76. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the seven weeks ended the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014 which set out the income on the Golf Course and Driving Range. He also gave an update on the appointment, via the Personnel Sub-Committee, of Ms. Julie Welch as Golf Manager of the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the seven weeks ended the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The report compared usage figures and income from the corresponding period in 2012.

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

78. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – DISABLED ACCESS WORKS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave an update on the planned 2013/14 disabled access improvement works at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

Harrison and Johnson Chartered Surveyors had been appointed to draw up a tender and manage the project on behalf of the Council at a cost of approximately £1,400.

Five companies had been invited to submit tenders in line with the specifications. Only four had been received:-

Pinkney Builders	£11,737.00
Priestman – Sangster	£17,834.00
Infinite Energy and Construction Ltd.	£19,737.00
R. Coates Construction Ltd.	£48,974.00

Using the lowest tender received and the cost of Harrison and Johnson the cost would be in the region of £13,150.

A sum of £11,000 had been included in the Capital Programme Budget for this work. Permission was being sought to fund the shortfall of some £2,150 from an amount which had been set aside in the Sports Complex Capital Budget to refurbish the female toilets and was no longer required.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:-

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the works to the disabled access ramp be carried out by Pinkney Builders at a cost of £11,737.00.
- (c) That the additional amount of £2,150 be met from the unused capital budget set aside for the female changing room refurbishment.

79. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report giving an update on events which had taken place.

**RESOLVED** - that the information be received.

80. **SAFETY SURFACING REPAIRS**

The Works Manager had submitted a report for members to consider quotations received for the repairs to safety surfacing at West Park, Simpasture Park and Moore Lane Park.

These repairs formed part of the Council's ongoing safety surface maintenance programme.

The following quotations had been obtained:-

Pennine Playgrounds	£7,134 (excluding VAT)
RTC Safety Surfacing Ltd.	£8,450 (excluding VAT)
Creative Play UK	(no quotation submitted)

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended: \_

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That safety surfacing repairs at West Park, Simpasture Park and Moore Lane Park be carried out by Pennine Playgrounds at a cost of £7,134 plus VAT.

**CHAIRMAN.**