Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011** at **7.25 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor W M Blenkinsopp

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

63. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Bowman and W Iveson.

64. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

65. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

66. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor V Crosby and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **19th October 2011** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the six weeks ending 20th November 2011. The report set out income for the period 16th October to the 20th November with a comparison from the previous year.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the six weeks ending 20th November 2011. The report gave a comparison of usage for the period compared to that of the same period the previous year.

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

69. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX SERVICE PLAN UPDATE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which outlined progress to date with the Service Plan.

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

70. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to give permission to book suppliers for the annual Firework Display 2012.

The Leisure and Environment Assistant's section of the report advised the results of the customer satisfaction survey from the 2011 Senior Citizens' Excursions which showed positive feedback of 96% excellent or good. The report also requested members to consider the excursion venues for 2012.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

a) That the report be received.

b) That the fairground music cease while the display is on.

c) That investigations be undertaken to determine if the sound system can be improved.

d) That the destinations for the excursions in 2012 be:

i. Scarborough
ii. Skipton
iii. Dumfries
iv. Lake District
v. Blackpool
vi. South Shields

71. **NESTLÉ FREE SPORTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report outlining details of a Nestlé's sports initiative and requested that the Oakleaf Sports Complex be permitted to participate.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

a) that the report be received.

b) that the Sports Complex does not participate in the Nestlé initiative.

c) that the officers initiate a special offer to encourage young people to participate in sporting activities at the Sports Complex.

CHAIRMAN.