

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2012 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors W M Blenkinsopp and G R Gray

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

80. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson. and Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional)

81. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was declared by Councillor G C Gray as a member of the Golf Club for agenda item number 6, Golf Course Working Group.

82. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

83. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Dalton, seconded by Councillor V Crosby and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **11th January 2012** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84. **SHOW WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Show Working Group held on the **30th January 2012** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor G C Gray, seconded by Councillor Mrs V Raw and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.

- ii) A further arena act not be booked for 2012.
- iii) Speedy Services supply the crowd control barriers at £597.50
- iv) The Handcraft and Horticulture Schedule be amended as follows:
 - a. Classes for Cauliflower and Cabbage be left in the schedule.
 - b. Each children's class include a poster to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee Celebration.
- v) Allotment holders be asked if they would support the Horticulture Section of the Show, and in particular, the leek class.
- vi) Price and availability be sought for:
 - a. A portable ice rink
 - b. Gold Cup Horse Racing
- vii) The date of the 2013 Show be set as 24th and 25th August 2013.
- viii) Officers obtain cost and availability for the following acts for 2013:
 - a. Bold Dog Lings
 - b. Chariots of Fire
 - c. Devil's Horsemen
 - d. Flying Gunners
 - e. Above and Beyond Aerial Display
 - f. Ridgeside Falconry and Lurcher Racing

85. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP**

A declaration of personal interest was declared by Councillor G C Gray as a member of the Golf Club, however, he would remain in the meeting during the discussion thereon.

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Golf Course Working Group held on the **6th February 2012** were considered.

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

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received
- ii) The Chairman would forward a letter to Golf Members setting out the position of the Golf Club.
- iii) Mr. Bechelet be invited to attend a meeting of the Golf Working Group to give recommendations on the maintenance of the course.

- iv) A Golf Course site visit be held by the Working Group prior to the visit of Mr. Bechelet.
- v) An equal six monthly payments plan be investigated for the payment of golf subscriptions.
- vi) Fixture times and matches played by the Golf Club be discussed on a more frequent basis and the Golf Working Group meet more regularly.
- vii) The Golf Club would look at the fixtures and match days of the Senior Section of the Club.
- viii) The fixture lists, as published by the Golf Club, be authorised and recommended to the Recreation Committee for approval.
- ix) The Golf Club representatives could contact the Greenkeeper direct with minor course issues for him to deal with direct.
- x) The Golf Club discuss with their Committee the possibility of a junior course being introduced and bring back proposals of how this could be achieved to the next meeting of the Golf Working Group.
- xi) Further ideas be sought for the introduction of 8 – 11 year old junior golf lessons (Sports Skills) and the possibility of prize incentives be considered.

86. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and the Golf Professional submitted a joint report which gave information regarding income for the golf course and driving range for the six weeks ending 1st January 2012. The report also gave information regarding 'Demo Days' and advertising.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed the attendance and income comparisons for the Oakleaf Sports Complex for the period of December 2011 and January 2012 compared with the corresponding period in 2010/11.

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

88. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave the results of the annual survey of customers.

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

89. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – SERVICE PLAN 2012 – 2013**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report and the Oakleaf Sports Complex Service Plan for members' consideration.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The Service Plan be approved

90. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – BAR PRICE INCREASE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised members of the proposed price increase by suppliers for products sold from the bar facility.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Prices outlined in the report be implemented with effect from Monday 1st March 2012.
- iii) Authorisation be given for officers to increase bar prices in line with alcohol duty increases from the effective date without seeking committee approval.

CHAIRMAN.