

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2011 at 8.26 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors S Bambridge, W M Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, 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, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs E M Paylor, 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)
Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional)

66. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W Curtis, Mrs J Gray, T Hogan and Mrs A Palmer,

67. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

68. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

69. **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 12th January 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70. **OAK LEAF GOLF COMPLEX**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted a report for the six weeks ending 13th February 2011. The report gave details of usage comparisons and forthcoming demonstration evenings.

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

71 **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which compared income from December 2010 and January 2011 with December 2009 and January 2010.

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

72. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ending 13th February 2011. The report outlined information regarding a new working partnership with the Young Women's Coordinator from Durham County Council.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to increase the prices of products sold within the Oak Leaf Sports Complex bar in line with increases from suppliers and the increase in VAT to 20%.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the price increases be implemented with effect from 1st March 2011.

74. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – FUNCTION ROOM CHARGES**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider charges for the hire of the function room.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That a new price band of £5.00 per hour be set as outlined in the report.
- (iii) That the price band of £5 per hour be included in the annual review of fees and charges.

75. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which provided members an analysis of the customer survey undertaken in December 2010 and January 2011.

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

76. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – SERVICE PLAN**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to approve the Oak Leaf Sports Complex Service Plan for 2011/12.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Service Plan be approved.

77. **SANTA TOURS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed problems incurred hiring suitable vehicles for the 2010 Santa Tours.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That officer's contact local organisations including Rotary, Sedgefield Borough Homes and Durham County Council regarding the possible loan or hire of vehicles from them for 2011.

78. **UNDER 18'S MINI WORLD CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

The Works Manager submitted a report requesting members to agree in principle to accept a proposal for a Mini World Cup Football Tournament from the Secretary of the Newton Aycliffe Under 18's Football Team.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That agreement in principle be given to supporting the event as outlined in the report subject to satisfactory compliance with terms imposed for the use of Council land and that officers are satisfied with the logistical arrangements connected with the event.

CHAIRMAN