

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2012** at **7.34 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors WM Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, TR Bowman, Mrs BA Clare, JD Clare, V Crosby, B Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P Ducker, RS Fleming, P Gittins, GC Gray, I Gray, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, Mrs K Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs SJ Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs EM Paylor, Mrs VM Raw and A Warburton

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor 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)  
Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional)

3.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Gray and Mrs W Hillary.

4.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

5.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

6.    **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7.    **GOLF WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Golf Working Group held on the **14<sup>th</sup> May 2012** were considered.

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

**RESOLVED** it be recommended that the notes be received

8. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the seven weeks ending 13th May 2012. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding period in 2011.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the seven weeks ending 13th May 2012. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2011.

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

10. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the seven weeks ending 13th May 2012. The report gave information regarding the energy efficiency certificate and new activities for children and young people.

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

11. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – ESSENTIAL WORKS REPORT**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised members of repairs carried out to replace a collapsed sewerage drain.

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

- i) the report be received.
- ii) officers proceed with the repair.
- iii) the repair be funded from the capital budget.

12. **CAPITAL SPEND – BOWLS HALL LIGHTING**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to update members on the bowls hall lighting.

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

- i) the report be received.
- ii) officers purchase a supply of lamps.
- iii) a secondary energy efficient lighting system be installed.

13. **CAPITAL SPEND – BOWLS HALL REDECORATION**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to update members on the bowls hall redecoration works.

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

- i) the report be received.
- ii) two further quotations be obtained for the work.
- iii) the work be carried out to coincide with the installation of the Bowls Hall lighting.

14. **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report advising of the outcome of investigation into the problems which occurred at the Firework Display in 2011.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that

- i) the report be received.
- ii) the siting of the Public Address system be investigated.
- iii) only children's fairground rides be permitted on site for this event.

15. **OAK LEAF RUNNING TRACK**

The Works Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider quotations for tarmacing of the running track.

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

- i) the report be received.
- ii) AWG Construction be requested to carry out the work at a cost of £45,080.00.

16. **FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION**

The Works Manager submitted a report which gave information regarding applications for the hire of football pitches for the 2012/13 season.

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

- i) the report be received.
- ii) pitches be allocated as follows:

<b>Pitch</b>	<b>Football Club</b>
Sports Complex 1a	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 1b	Newton Aycliffe Under 18s FC
Sports Complex 2	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 3	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 4	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Simpasture Park 1a	Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club
Simpasture Park 1b	North Briton FC
Moore Lane 1a	Royal British Legion FC
Moore Lane 1b	The Huntsman Good Fella's FC

17. **NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE – JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre requested permission to erect a sign at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for the Junior Football Club.

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

- i) the Club be granted permission to erect a sign.
- ii) officers agree the size and location of the sign.
- ii) the Club apply and pay for planning permission.

18. **MOORE LANE SPORTS CLUB**

Members were advised that Newton Aycliffe Football Club wished to use the Council's parking facilities for a pre-season friendly match with Sunderland AFC.

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

- i) a section of the Park be closed off temporarily to allow additional parking for the match with Sunderland.
- ii) the Leader of the Council, together with the Town Clerk and Chair and Vice Chair of the Recreation Committee meet with representatives to discuss parking arrangements for league games.

**CHAIRMAN.**