

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY 2017** at **7.58 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors Councillors E Adam, M Ashcroft, D G Atkinson, J Atkinson, P J Bergg, B Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, Mrs I Hewitson, JP Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, M Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs V M Raw, K Robson and C Wheeler.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
 Mr S Cooper (Works & Environment Manager)
 Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
 Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
 Ms C Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
 Miss J Welch (Golf Manager)
 Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance & Service Coordinator)

68. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Clark, N Collinson and Mrs S J Iveson.

69. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

70. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

71. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

72. **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 **23rd November 2016** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the **4th January 2017** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor J D Hillary, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i. Price and availability be obtained for 5 days hire of a synthetic ice rink with clarification regarding accessibility.
- ii. The cost of security for the rink be obtained.
- iii. The Town Centre Management be approached for a donation towards the cost of security/ice rink.
- iv. An Event incorporating the Durham Brass Festival be organised for 2017 in the Town Park for Friday 14th July and a publicity performance in Tesco Area for Sunday 8th July at a cost of approximately £6,000.
- v. Flyers with event details be produced in time for Easter for distribution.

74. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the period ending 1st January 2017. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2015 and 2016.

RESOLVED – it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The Golf Manager be congratulated on winning the Co Durham Golf Union 'Get into Golf Centre of the Year' award.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 1st January 2017. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2016.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The Manager produces a report on the provision of Sunday lunches, including the impact of their withdrawal on bar sales.
- iii. A report is produced in the longer term, on the general catering service provided at the Sports Complex.

76. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager and Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted a report which contained details of the Santa Tours held in December 2016. The report also gave information regarding the number of Santa letters processed. The Leisure Manager advised that a more detailed report would be submitted in due course to the Committee.

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

CHAIRMAN.