

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013** at **7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors W M Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, T R Bowman, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, B Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J Gray, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, Mrs W P Hillary, Mrs K Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson and Mrs V M Raw.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**    Councillor J. Hillary

76.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs A Palmer, A Warburton and Mr N Whinham, Golf Professional.

77.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No Members' dispensations had been submitted.

78.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R S Fleming declared an interest in item 11 on the Agenda as a relative of the owner of Durham City Coaches.

79.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

80.    **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 **27<sup>th</sup> February 2013** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

81.    **SHOW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Show Working Group held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor G C Gray seconded by Councillor V Crosby and

**RESOLVED** it be recommended that:

- i the report be received
- ii the Catering Franchise be awarded to Sonia Phillips
- iii the Ice Cream Franchise be awarded to Kings Café
- iv the Confectionery Franchise be awarded to Deanna Phillips
- v the Drakes of Hazard be booked for both days at £1,275.00
- vi any Oakleaf Golf Course season ticket holder with a handicap be permitted to enter the Golf Tournament.
- vii two walkabout entertainers be booked for each day
- viii Punch and Judy be booked for two days
- ix the Water Walkers be booked for two days
- x the Handcraft and Horticulture Schedule be approved
- xi a games area be provided, using the sports hall instead of a marquee to a budget of approximately £3,500.00.
- xii sponsorship be sought for the games area.
- xiii clubs and organisations in the Town be asked if they are able to support the show by providing displays etc.

**82. GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Golf Course Working Group held on the **12<sup>th</sup> March 2013** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i the Club fixture list, match course courtesy and the booking arrangements be considered for approval.
- ii Club fixtures and course courtesy form part of the review of the service following the appointment of the Service Review Sub-Committee after the 2013 Council Election.
- iii the Committee notes the Golf Club will be submitting an amended constitution for consideration.
- iv the new arrangements for wardening the course be agreed.
- v the repairs to the golf ball dispenser and range surface be completed as necessary be agreed.
- vi it is recommended that the STRI visits be ceased at the end of the present agreement.
- vii the problems associated with the shop opening hours be noted and monitored.

**83. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the six weeks ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding period in 2012.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 29<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2012.

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

85. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the six weeks ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. The report gave information regarding the energy efficiency certificate and advised that following the biannual inspection the Complex had again been given a Hygiene Rating of 5.

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

86. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

**Councillor R S Fleming left the meeting during discussion on this item.**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which requested members to consider applications and costs for the coach provision for the Senior Citizens Excursions in 2013.

The applications were discussed and reference made to the quality of the previous years' suppliers of the service. Following which it was concluded that the applications by Stanley Coaches for the Wheelchair Accessible Coaches and Lee's of Durham for standard coaches offered overall best value for the Council.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- (i) the report be received.
- (ii) the wheelchair accessible coach contract be awarded to Stanley Travel.
- (iii) the non-wheelchair accessible coach contract be awarded to Lee's of Durham.

87. **USE OF OAKLEAF SPORTS FIELD AREA**

Members were asked to consider a request from Mr M Turner who had requested permission to use the Oakleaf Sports Fields for physical training classes.

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

- (i) the town Clerk meet with Mr. Turner to discuss insurance, risk assessments and working procedures associated with the venture.
- (ii) the Town Clerk bring a further report and recommendations to the next meeting of the Recreation Committee.

**CHAIRMAN.**