

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY 2013** at 7.45 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J. Hillary

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr D. Thompson (Works Manager)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

57. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.R. Bowman, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer and A. Warburton. An apology was submitted by Mr. Neil Whinham (Golf Professional).

58. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

59. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

60. **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 28th November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. **SHOW WORKING GROUP – NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the 26th November 2012 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor G.C. Gray, seconded by Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the notes and the following recommendations from the Show Working Group be agreed:-

(i) Quotations

The following quotations be accepted:

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| a) | Crowd Control Barriers
Speedy Hire | £590.00 |
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b)	Toilets Nixon Hire	£640.00
c)	Skip Hire John Wade	£285.00
d)	Security Delta Security	£5137.75
e)	Marquees and Furniture Dobson's Marquees	£11238.95
f)	Public Address (outdoor) Tony Atkinson & Assoc.	£800.00
g)	Public Address for Playhouse John Melvin	£675.00
h)	Road Signage AA Road Signs	£265.00
i)	Staging Durham County Council	£1050.00

- (ii) That further consideration be given to community involvement with the Show, to be discussed at the next meeting. Suggestions for consideration included: interactive activities for children, involvement of local associations, TA and/or scouts groups creating an obstacle course, approaching school project teachers, Fire Brigade, Council Pre-School groups involvement. Something different and quirky is needed.

62. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the seven weeks ended the 6th January 2013. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding period in 2011/12. The report also gave information on the weather conditions affecting the golf course and listed the hole closures for those periods.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the seven weeks ended the 6th January 2013. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2011/12.

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

64. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX REPORT**

The Leisure Manager had submitted a report setting out information on events which had been undertaken over the Christmas period. The report also gave information on a new exercise class to be introduced. An update was given on capital expenditure and vandalism which had occurred.

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

65. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager and the Leisure and Environment Assistant had submitted a report giving an update on the success of the Santa Tours and also sought members to consider destinations for the Senior Citizens' Outings for 2013.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the information in respect of the Santa Tours be received.
- (ii) That the following destinations be agreed for the 2013 Senior Citizens' Outings:-
 - (a) Scarborough
 - (b) Skipton
 - (c) Lakes (Windermere)
 - (d) Dumfries
 - (e) Blackpool
 - (f) South Shields (Half Day).

66. **TURNER'S FUN FAIR**

An application had been received from the Managing Director of Turner's Fun Fairs seeking permission to hold a Fun Fair on a site at Woodham Park during May 2013.

Members considered the application and the proposed site plan. It was pointed out that permission has already been given for Fun Fairs to be on site at the Aycliffe Show and the Firework Night and following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the application for a Fun Fair at Woodham Park be declined..
- (ii) That it be noted that this Council would not accept any further applications for the use of its Parks and Open Spaces by Fun Fairs.

CHAIRMAN.