

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 17th OCTOBER 2012** at **7.21 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, 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. Hilliary,
Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A.
Palmer, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor G.R. Gray.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Mr. S. Cooper (Environment Officer)
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

38. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. E.M. Paylor and Mr. N. Whinham (Golf Professional).

39. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

40. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

41. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Crosby, seconded by Councillor A. Warburton and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 5th September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. **SHOW WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the 8th October 2012 were considered.

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

RESOLVED – That it be recommended that the notes and the following recommendations from the Show Working Group be agreed subject to more information on value for money being considered on items (vii) and (viii) advertising of the Show:-

- i) That cost and availability be sought for:

- (a) Punch & Judy with free face painting.
 - (b) Water Walkerz and other 'have a go' activities.
- ii) That the cost of all stands remains at the 2012 rate.
 - iii) That the car park charge remains at £1 per vehicle.
 - iv) That the programmes are distributed free of charge.
 - v) That the aerial display (Above and Beyond) not be booked.
 - vi) That the trade marquee be discontinued.
 - vii) That if radio advertising is used, it be limited to one station.
 - viii) That Officers investigate the cost of advertising the show on the rear of buses.
 - ix) That the entry fees for pigeons be reduced to 50p to encourage greater participation.
 - x) That a poultry section be introduced.

43. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the six weeks ended the 7th October 2012. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding period in 2011. The report also gave information on the weather conditions affecting the golf course and listed hole closures.

Information had been submitted in connection with the six month usage figures for the period April to September 2012.

The Golf Professional submitted his report and attached an Appendix setting out details of the success achieved by Stephanie Peareth in America.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That a letter be forwarded, via. the Golf Professional, to Stephanie Peareth stating that the Council commend her achievements and that she is an excellent example to the other young players.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 7th October 2012. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2011.

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

45. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX SERVICE PLAN – 6 MONTH UPDATE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to update members with the six monthly position of the Service Plan Targets and Actions.

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

46. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted information on work carried out from the planned 2012/13 Asset Management Works for members information.

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

47. **HORNDALE RESIDENTS – PROPOSED MUGA SITE**

Correspondence had been received from Horndale Residents Association asking the Council to earmark a piece of land for the possible erection of a MUGA in the Horndale Park area. Horndale Residents Association would be raising the funding to erect the MUGA, however, they were seeking approval from this Council to oversee the construction, insurance and maintain the facility once it had been erected.

An area of land on the site of the old Horndale Pavilion was seen as the best possible site for the MUGA although earth moving works would be needed to accommodate the size of the MUGA.

It was proposed that the Council agrees to the proposal for the MUGA and its siting and that Officers produce plans and costings for its insurance and future maintenance.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the information from the Horndale Residents Association be accepted for them to raise the funding for the proposed MUGA.
- (ii) That the site of the old Horndale Pavilion be identified for the siting of the MUGA.
- (iii) That Officers prepare costings for the necessary earth moving works.
- (iv) That Officers produce plans and costings for the provision of the MUGA by Horndale Residents Association.
- (v) That the Council will carry out the future maintenance and insurance of the completed MUGA.

48. **2013/2014 DRAFT RECREATION REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Finance Manager had submitted a draft Revenue and Capital Budget for 2013/2014 for members' consideration in respect of the Recreation Committee.

Members considered each section of the Budgets for the Recreation Committee and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report and draft Revenue and Capital Budget figures for 2013/14 be received.

CHAIRMAN.