

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 2012** at **7.28 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall (Chairman)** and
Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, 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, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer and Mrs.V.M. Raw

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor G.R. Gray.

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. N. Whinham (Golf Professional)
Mr. S. Cooper (Environment Officer)
Mrs J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr D. Thompson (Works Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's Secretary)

49. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, Mrs. E.M. Paylor and A.Warburton.

50. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

51. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

52. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 17th October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the six weeks ended the 18th November 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. Greenkeeping staff were commended for keeping the course open during recent weather conditions.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 18th November 2012. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2011.

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

55. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to give permission to book suppliers for the annual Firework Display 2013.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That Reaction Pyrotechnics and Nitelites PA systems be booked for the 2013 Firework Display.
- iii) That security be increased from 7 to 10 officers.
- iv) That Katy Milne, Arts Co-Ordinator be contacted for assistance with school involvement in the poster competition.
- v) That free soup no longer be provided.
- vi) That the beacon be lit 15 minutes prior to the fireworks display.

56. **PARKS AND PLAYING FIELDS**

The Works Manager submitted a report which advised members that the new BMX Pump Track at Woodham Park and Outdoor Fitness Equipment in West Park were now open and ready for use. Rotavation and seeding will take place in the Spring.

Councillor Mrs. J. Gray thanked Town Council and GAMP staff for their work on the BMX project.

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

CHAIRMAN.