

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2013 at 7.26 p.m.**

**PRESENT**      **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors E Adam, J Atkinson, B Blenkinsopp, R Bowman, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark, N Collinson, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, Mrs I Hewitson, M Iveson, W Iveson, P Kjenstad, Mrs V M Raw, D Summers, T Twissell and C Wheeler.

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

14.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, Mrs S J Iveson and Mr N Whinham, Golf Professional.

15.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

16.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

17.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

18.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meetings of the Recreation Committee held on the **15<sup>th</sup> May** and **29<sup>th</sup> May 2013** be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

19.    **SHOW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the **17<sup>th</sup> June 2013** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Dalton, seconded by Councillor M Dalton and

**RESOLVED** it be recommended that:

- i) the report be received.
- ii) the games marquee be not progressed.
- iii) the Show not be advertised on buses.
- iv) the voluntary groups in the Town and surrounding areas be contacted to see if they would be willing to be involved in 2014.
- v) the officer contact the schools to determine the best time for them for the Show to be held to maximise their potential involvement.
- vi) the date of the Show be reviewed

20. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the five weeks ended the 23rd June 2013. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2011 and 2012.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the five weeks ended the 23rd June 2013. The report compared usage and income figures from the same period in 2012.

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

22. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of new bowls sessions and a summer bowls open pairs competition as well as 'drop in' squash sessions for adults.

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

23. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to update members in relation to the Council's annual Firework Display, after a meeting with SAG (Safety Advisory Group) regarding the event's increased attendance.

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

- i) the report be received.
- ii) a Special Meeting of the Recreation Committee be convened after the next meeting of the SAG Sub-Committee and their recommendations were known.
- iii) A special meeting of the Council be held to ratify the decisions made by the Recreation Committee.

24. **VINTAGE CAR SHOW**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report regarding a request from the Northern Bygones to hold a vintage car show on the field at the rear of the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

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

- i the report be received.
- ii approval be given for the event to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- iii permission be granted for the attendance of a Guide Dog for the Blind fundraising stall.
- iv the Northern Bygones be not charged for the venue.

25. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider the purchase of a defibrillator for the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

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

- i the report be received.
- ii a defibrillator be purchased for use at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

**CHAIRMAN.**