

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY 2016** at 7.24 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall (Chairman)** and
Councillors E Adam, M Ashcroft, D G Atkinson, J Atkinson, B Blenkinsopp,
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, Mrs I Hewitson, J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary,
M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, P Kjenstad, and Mrs V M Raw.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
 Mr S Cooper (Works & Environment Manager)
 Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)
 Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
 Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
 Ms J Welch (Golf Manager)

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors P J Bergg and K Robson.

78. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W Iveson and C Wheeler.

79. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensation had been received.

80. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

81. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

82. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **13th January 2016** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the **15th February 2016** were considered.

Councillor Blenkinsopp reaffirmed an interest and refrained from speaking or voting during consideration of the notes and recommendations.

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

RESOLVED – as follows:-

- (1) That the notes and following recommendations be received:-
 - a) Clarification be sought regarding a 5-a-side football tournament at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.
 - b) Further contact be made to Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band to see if they would be prepared to organise a concert with several bands performing.
 - c) Greenfield Arts be requested to draft an alternative proposal for a 'plastic bottle' sculpture to be part of the Party in the Park event.
 - d) The Party in the Park event proceed at an initial cost of £6,000 with the option to upscale the event at an additional cost.
 - e) Applications from businesses be considered on an individual basis.
- (2) That actions on the Festival Applications (submitted as Appendix A) be referred back to the Festival Working Group for further consideration.

84. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the period ending 14th February 2016. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2014 and 2015.

The report also outlined proposals for a hole sponsorship initiative proposed by the Golf Club Committee and requested members to consider the proposal prior to further investigations being made into its feasibility.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i. the report be received.
- ii. the Town Clerk investigate further the feasibility of the proposal.
- iii. if the proposal proceeds, funding should be used to benefit juniors, ladies and beginners.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 14th February 2016. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2015.

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

86. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the period ending 14th February 2016. The report gave information regarding an price increase in bar supplies, developments in bowls and squash as well as vandalism and a burglary which had taken place.

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

87. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX SERVICE PLAN**

The Leisure Manager submitted the annual Service Plan for 2016/7 for approval.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i. the report be received.
- ii. the Plan be received.

88. **GO RUN FOR FUN**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider continuing the provision of the Go Run for Fun event held on the field at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i. the report be received.
- ii. permission be granted to hold the event.
- iii. permission be sought annually to hold the event via the Recreation Committee.

89. **SPORTS COMPLEX CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS**

The Leisure Manager provided an analysis of the customer survey carried out in December and January.

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

90. **WEST PARK PLAY AREA CONSULTATION**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which provided the results of a survey undertaken to determine the preferred options of the public consulted regarding the proposed playground scheme in West Park.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received.
- ii the scheme proposal from Proludic be accepted at a cost of £42,000.00.
- iii it be noted that the capital budget being £40,000, the additional £2,000 required be taken from the Safety Surface Budget.

91. **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Members were requested to consider a letter from the Chairman of the National Association of Local Councils regarding celebrations for the Queen's 90th Official Birthday in June 2016.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- i The report be received.
- ii The Beacon be lit during the early evening of 21st April 2016.
- iii A celebration event be staged in the Town Park on Saturday 11th June.

- iv The Youth Centre be booked in case of inclement weather and the possibility of a young persons' disco.
- v Officers be authorised to organise the event and book services and entertainers in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

92. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor A Chandran, seconded by Councillor M Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was, in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

93. **EXCLUSION REPORT**

The Corporate and Policy Officer submitted a report which detailed problems with some youths on Great Aycliffe Town Council property.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received.
- ii the youths referred to in the report be excluded from all Great Aycliffe Town Council land and property for a period of one year.
- iii Officers continue with the provision of cameras for the Park Patrol staff and dash cams for vehicles.

CHAIRMAN.