

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2011 at 7.40 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors S Bambridge, Mrs D Bowman, T R Bowman,
Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, W Curtis, Mrs M
Dalton, P Ducker, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J
Gray, K Henderson, T Hogan, Mrs K Hopper, Mrs E M
Paylor and Mrs V M Raw.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor W M Blenkinsopp

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

50. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer and A Warburton.

51. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A Declaration of Personal Interest was declared by Councillor Mrs. J Gray on agenda item No. 13 (BMX Track) as she is a member of Durham County Council.

52. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

53. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor V Crosby and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 7th September 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor B Hall and seconded by Councillor Mrs E M Paylor:-

“Following the annual Great Aycliffe Show numerous complaints have been received in regard to the surface of the track on the Show site. This has also occurred on numerous previous occasions and, therefore, I propose that the Recreation Committee recommend to Council that a permanent tarmac surface to the track is put in place.”

RESOLVED – as follows:

‘That the Committee recommend that the Council provide a permanent surface on the running track’.

55. **SHOW WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Show Working Group held on the **10th October 2011** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs E M Paylor, seconded by Councillor B Hall and

RESOLVED that it be recommended:

- i) That cost and availability be sought for:
 - a. Teesdale Flyball
 - b. An artificial ice rink
 - c. Punch & Judy with free face painting
 - d. Dawn of Chivalry
 - e. Water Walkerz

- ii) That the following be booked:
 - a. Stannage International Stunt Team at £1800 plus £100 travelling expenses.
 - b. Aaron Stannage Mountain Bike Stunt Show be booked at £500.00
 - c. That K9 Dog Display at £880 plus £140 travel expenses
 - d. Simulator capsule at £2000 plus VAT.

- iii) That the American Civil War Society be not booked.
- iv) That the craft demonstration stall price be increased to £15 per day for stands selling goods but remain free for 'demonstration only' stands.
- v) That the cost of all other stands remains at the 2010 rate.
- vi) That the car park charge remains at £1 per vehicle
- vii) That the programmes are distributed free of charge.
- viii) That a proposed site layout be brought to the next meeting.

56. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the six weeks ending 9th October 2011. The report set out of income for the period 4th September until 9th October and the half yearly usage statistics.

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

57. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed the attendance and income comparisons for the Oakleaf Sports Complex for the period of August and September 2011 compared with the same period in 2010.

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

58. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX REPORT**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the six weeks ending 9th October 2011. The report gave information of initiatives designed to improve the facility usage and profile.

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

59. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report giving information regarding the Fun in the Parks events which had run during the summer and also advised that the arrangements for the annual firework display were proceeding as planned.

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

60. **OAKLEAF RUNNING TRACK**

The Works Manager submitted a report in response to concerns expressed by members regarding the difficulties caused by inclement weather to the running track. The report requested that members consider a proposal to tarmac the running track.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended

- (i) that the report be received.
- (ii) that it be agreed that budget provision be made for this project.

61. **2012/13 DRAFT RECREATION REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Finance Manager had submitted a draft Recreation Revenue and Capital Budget for 2012/2013 for members' consideration in respect of the Recreation Committee.

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

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

62. **BMX TRACK – UPDATE**

A declaration of personal interest was declared by Councillor Mrs J Gray, as a member of Durham County Council, however, she remained in the meeting during the discussion.

The Town Clerk submitted a report advising of the progress made for improvements to the BMX track at Woodham. The report advised of consultations which had taken place and the Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the responses to questionnaires which had been received since the publication of the report.

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

CHAIRMAN.