

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY 2013** at **8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors J Atkinson, B Blenkinsopp, R Bowman,
A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark, Mrs MDalton,
M A Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G C Gray, K Henderson,
Mrs W P Hillary, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson,
Mrs V M Raw and D Summers.

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

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors E Adam, N Collinson, Mrs S Haigh, Mrs I Hewitson, J P Hillary, P Kjenstad, T Twissell, C Wheeler and Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional).

4. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

7. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **10th April 2013** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the seven weeks ended the 19th May 2013. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding period in 2012. The report also gave the comparisons between the financial years 2011/12 and 2012/13.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:-

- i. The report be received.
- ii. A further year's figures be added to future reports for comparison.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the seven weeks ended the 19th May 2013. The report compared usage figures and income from March and April in 2013 with the same period in 2012.

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

10. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the seven weeks ended the 19th May 2013. The report outlined activities which had been held or were to be held in the coming weeks.

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

11. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of health and safety concerns regarding the increasing attendance and associated problems at the annual Firework Display.

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

12. **FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION**

The Works Manager submitted a report which gave information regarding the applications for football pitches for the season commencing August 2013.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:-

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The pitches be allocated as per Officer's recommendations.
- iii. Letters be sent to teams advising of the need to restrain players' language.
- iv. A letter be sent to the Durham County Football Association requesting them to monitor language used on our pitches.

13. **GREENFIELD ARTS EVENT**

Members were requested to consider information from Greenfield Arts seeking the use of West Park for the above event.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:-

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Approval be granted for use of West Park for this event.
- iii. The request for funding be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

CHAIRMAN.