

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016** at **7.27 pm**.

**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, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, P Kjenstad, Mrs V M Raw and C Wheeler.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor P.J. Bergg

**OFFICIALS**                Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works & Environment Manager)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Ms J Welch (Golf Manager)

68.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors N Collinson and Mrs I Hewitson.

69.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

70.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

71.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

72.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **25<sup>th</sup> November 2015** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73.    **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the period ending 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2014 and 2015.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for November 2015. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2014.

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

75. **SANTA TOURS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider the format and routes of the Santa Tours for 2016.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. A Working Group be set up to consist of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees, Councillors P. Kjenstad and W.M. Blenkinsopp plus relevant officers.
- iii. The matters referred to in the report be considered by the Santa Tours Working Group.

76. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS – COACH PROVISION**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report requesting members to select the service provider(s) for coach travel for the Excursions in 2016.

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

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Lees of Durham be awarded the contract for non-wheelchair accessible transport.
- iii. Stanley Travel be awarded the contract for wheelchair accessible transport.

77. **PARK PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which updated members on progress made on West Park Improvements and the Scoot Park at Horndale Park.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Officers continue to seek assistance from Durham County Council and Northumbrian Water regarding the hydrology at West Park.
- iii. The Town Clerk investigate the possibility of obtaining funding from the Homes and Communities Agency.

**CHAIRMAN.**