

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **14th JANUARY 2015** at **7.45 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. 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, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, 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)
Ms C Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Ms J Welch (Golf Manager)

74. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J.D. Clare, and Mrs. S.J. Iveson.

75. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

76. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

77. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

78. **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 **26th November 2014** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the **18th December 2014** were considered.

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

RESOLVED – that the following recommendation from the Festival Working Group be accepted:-

‘That WASPS be requested to discuss the sale of tickets, raffle and the funding required and resubmit their application.’

80. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 7th January 2015 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor J Atkinson and

RESOLVED – that the following recommendations from the Golf Course Working Group be accepted:-

- (i) Discussions regarding the future running of the Golf Club be postponed pending the outcome of the Golf Club Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) A proposal to hold golf tournaments during the Aycliffe Festival be forwarded to the Festival Working Group and Recreation Committee.

81. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the seven weeks ending 4th January 2015. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2014 and 2013.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the seven weeks ending 4th January 2015. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2014.

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

83. **SANTA TOURS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider an alternative format for future Tours would.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i The report be received.
- ii The Leisure Manager draw up route plans for members' consultation and suggestions for stopping points on the Tours.
- iii The change in format of the Tours be advertised in advance of December 2015.
- iv Advertising for volunteers commence earlier than in previous years.

84. **FUN IN THE PARKS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider the format for the Events in 2015.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received.
- ii Fun in the Parks in the Town Park be reduced to one.
- iii West Park Fun in the Parks be discontinued.
- iv Safety precautions at Horndale Park Fun in the Parks be reviewed with the use of barriers.
- v The possible use of Town Council Park wardens be utilised being investigated to assist in site safety.

85. **WEST PARK UPDATE REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted a report which updated members regarding the progress of various improvement works and issues relating to West Park.

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

86. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS COACH PROVISION**

The Environment Assistant submitted a report which updated members regarding quotations received for the Senior Citizens' coach provision for 2015.

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

CHAIRMAN.