

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016** at **7.45 pm**.

**PRESENT**        **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors E Adam, D G Atkinson, J Atkinson, P J Bergg, W M Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran, 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 and K Robson.

**OFFICIALS**    Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works & Environment Manager)  
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)  
Miss A Donald (Town Clerk's PA)  
Mrs A Watson (Acting Leisure Manager)  
Mr A Hill (Team Leader)  
Miss J Welch (Golf Manager)

16.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

17.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

18.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

19.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mr E Wood, Chairman of Horndale Residents' Association, asked when the Scoot Park would be completed. The Works and Environment Manager advised that work would be undertaken within the next two weeks and be completed by the start of the school summer holiday.

20.    **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> May 2016, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21.    **SANTA TOURS WORKING GROUP**

The notes and recommendations of the Santa Tours Working Group, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 were considered.

**RESOLVED** – that in the temporary absence of the Leisure Manager, who would be returning to work shortly, the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Recreation Committee.

22. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Manager submitted a report for the period ending 19<sup>th</sup> June 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.

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

The Acting Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2015.

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

24. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted a report on behalf of the Leisure Manager updating Members on the Bygones Vintage Car Show and Fun in the Parks 2016.

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

25. **FOOTBALL/RUGBY PITCHES UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report updating Members with regard to the allocation of football/rugby pitches for the 2015/2016 season. It was advised that the Rugby Club had now declined the offer of a pitch.

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

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

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The pitch be offered to the Sports Club Football Team in the first instance.

26. **GOLF COURSE TOILET FACILITIES**

The Works and Environment Manager and the Grounds Maintenance Services Coordinator submitted a report considering a request to provide an outdoor soak away toilet for ladies' use on the Oakleaf Golf Course.

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

- i) Officers identify 2-3 suitable locations for a ladies' and gentlemen's soak away toilet.
- ii) The matter be considered by the Golf Course Working Group.

27. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which updated Members with items relating to the parks.

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

**CHAIRMAN.**