

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2015** at 7.35 p.m.

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,
N Collinson, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray,
G C Gray, Mrs I Hewitson, J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, M Iveson,
Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson and Mrs V M Raw.

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor P J Bergg

44. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs S Haigh, P Kjenstad and C Wheeler.

45. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

46. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

47. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

48. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **2nd September 2015** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the 5th October 2015 were considered. The notes recommended that the date of the 2016 Festival be 16th to 30th July inclusive.

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

RESOLVED it be recommended that:

- (i) The dates of the 2016 Festival be agreed as Saturday, 16th July to Saturday, 30th July 2016 inclusive

50. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the six weeks ending 4th October 2015. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2013 and 2014. The report also showed the six month usage figures from 30th March 2015 to 27th September 2015.

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

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

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

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

52. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report for the six weeks ending 4th October 2015. The report advised of a caravan rally which had taken place, junior squash development and a special offer for 5-a-side during off peak periods.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii Officers explore the possibility of offering reduced rates for golf and other sporting activities to caravan rallies.

53. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted her report which advised members of the dates and times for the distribution of wristbands for the Firework Display.

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

54. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX SERVICE PLAN – 6 MONTH UPDATE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave information on the current position of the Service Plan Targets and Actions.

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

55. **IMPROVEMENTS - WEST PARK**

The Works Manager submitted a report to bring members up to date with the progress of the hydrology and ecology study of West Park and also the Section 106 funding bid for additional seats, litter bins and viewing area in the Park.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii A more detailed engineering report for the water management system of the lakes be sought on behalf of the Council by Groundwork North East.
- iii The quotation for an additional engineering report be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration, when received.
- iv Officers seek prices/quotations for a number of the items listed in the ecology report as recommendations:
 - a) Installation of floating islands.
 - b) Improved access/egress for the lakes via ramps for amphibians and other animals.
 - c) Floating boom.
- v It was noted that the recommendation in regard to Woodham Burn (in this location) would be the responsibility of Durham County Council as the land owner.

56. **2016/2017 DRAFT RECREATION REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Finance Manager had submitted a draft Revenue and Capital Budget for 2016/2017 for members' consideration in respect of the Recreation Committee. Members considered each section of the Budgets for the Recreation Committee and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i The report and draft Revenue and Capital Budget figures for 2016/17 be received.
- ii Damaged fitness equipment should not be replaced, but be removed from West Park.

57. **WHEELED SPORTS FACILITY – HORNDAL PARK**

The Works Manager submitted a report to request members to consider installing a 'Scoot Track' as an alternative to the BMX Pump Track proposed previously.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii Officers should proceed with the Scoot Track.

CHAIRMAN.