

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 2015** at **7.46 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, 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, Mrs S J Iveson, P Kjenstad, Mrs V M Raw 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 J Welch (Golf Manager)

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor P J Bergg
Mr G Campbell, Manager Locomotion Museum

58. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Bowman and W Iveson

59. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

60. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

61. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

62. **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 14th October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the 16th November 2015 were considered.

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

RESOLVED it be recommended that:

- (i) Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band be approached to see if they would be prepared to organise a concert with several different bands performing.
- (ii) The Leisure Manager be asked if it would be possible to organise a five-a-side competition for the Festival.
- (iii) The Bowls Club be asked if it would be possible to organise a competition.

64. **PARK AND RIDE PROPOSAL**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which asked members to consider a request from the Locomotion Museum to use the field adjacent to the Council Offices/Oakleaf Sports Complex for the purpose of a 'park and ride' location during a major event which is to be held from 23rd to 31st July 2016.

Mr G Campbell, Manager of the Locomotion Museum was present to answer questions from members. Mr Campbell explained that it was a major event with several park and ride areas and additional trains and carriages organised to cope with the expected number of visitors.

Mr Campbell and Councillor W Blenkinsopp left the meeting after questions to Mr Campbell about the event.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) Permission be granted to the Locomotion Museum to use the field for a park and ride facility from 23rd to 31st July 2016 subject to iii (below).
- (iii) Officers liaise with event organisers to:
 - Confirm necessary precautions are taken to ensure the safe use of the field.
 - Enter into a suitable agreement to protect the Council's interests.
 - Agree a control method to avoid event visitors from accessing the Oakleaf Sports and Golf Complex car parks.

65. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the ending 15th November 2015. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2013 and 2014.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 15th 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.

67. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave information regarding the Firework Display which had been held on 5th November 2015, and issues which would be addressed for 2016.

The report also requested members to consider an application for a Vintage Car Show, and a Fun Dog Show. Additionally, the Leisure Manager advised that further training and advice was to be given to the volunteers for the Santa Tours in 2015.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) Permission be granted to the Northern Bygones to hold the Annual Vintage Car Show on 28 and 29 May 2016.
- (iii) Permission be granted to Northern Heelwork to Music to hold the Fun Dog Show on 6th August 2016.

CHAIRMAN.