

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on **22nd FEBRUARY, 2017** at **7.57 pm**.

PRESENT: **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors E Adam, M Ashcroft, J Atkinson, P J Bergg,
W M Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare,
J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, G C Gray,
I Gray, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, P Kjenstad,
Mrs V M Raw and K Robson.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Ms J Welch (Golf Manager)

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D G Atkinson, N Collinson, Mrs I Hewitson, J P Hillary and Mrs W. P Hillary.

78 MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

80 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

81 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 **11th January 2017** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82 FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on 15th February 2017 were considered.

- i. Festival Grant Funding of £499.00 be approved for Ocean's Music Night.
- ii. Festival Grant Funding of £5,000.00 be approved for Go Ahead Training's, STEM event.
- iii. Alpine Ice Rinks be booked for 5 days at a cost of £5,000 plus VAT.

RESOLVED –that it be recommended that the notes and recommendations be received.

83 OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX

The Town Clerk and Golf Manager submitted their report for the period ending 12th February 2017. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2015 and 2016. The report also advised that the Golf Manager had given notice of the termination of her contract with effect from 30th April 2017.

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

84 OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 12th February 2017. The report compared usage figures and income from the same periods in December 2015 and December in 2016.

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

85 OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of American Football sessions to be introduced in the School Holidays, Heel Work to Music and the possibility of bringing one of the Transplant Games and Secondary Olympics to the Complex.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Permission be granted for a heel work to music event to take place.

86 OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS

The Leisure Manager submitted the results of the annual customer survey for members' consideration.

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

87 OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – SERVICE PLAN

The Leisure Manager submitted the Oakleaf Sports Complex Service Plan 2017/18 for members' consideration.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The heading on page 8, under “14 Targets and Actions” be amended to read Expenditure and Usage.
- iii. The item under Economic (Employment) on page 10 be clarified.

88 **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report advising of play equipment and footpath works and a start date for the Byerley Park play equipment installation. The report also gave information regarding problems with an increase in incidents involving motor bikes and quads on Council land and the actions taken by Officers. Football matches at Simpasture and Moore Lane have been postponed due to waterlogging of pitches.

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

89 **DOUBLE TAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL APPLICATION**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report and associated information regarding an application for the use of Council land to hold an outdoor music festival in June 2017.

The Town Clerk advised members of issues surrounding events organised by others on Council land and their liabilities as a corporate body, together with comments on the suitability of the site for this type of event.

A named vote was requested which resulted as follows:-

Against the proposal:

Councillors:

M Ashcroft, P J Bergg, W M Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran,
Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton,
R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, B Hall, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson,
W Iveson, P Kjenstad, Mrs V M Raw and K Robson.

Abstentions:

Councillors: E Adam and J Atkinson.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Permission be not granted.

90 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Councillor K Robson and seconded by Councillor A M Chandran:-

“That the Council writes to Durham County Council to explore the possibility that DCC lease the former Elmfield School Site to the Town Council at a peppercorn rent with a view to the Town Council maintaining it as a natural extension to West Park until such time as it is needed for development”.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that Officers contact Durham County Council to ascertain if they would be prepared to release the land to Great Aycliffe Town Council.

CHAIRMAN