

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017** at **7.49 p.m.**

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

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

91.     **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M A Dalton, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson and W Iveson.

92.     **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

93.     **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

94.     **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

95.     **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

96.     **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ending 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The report gave comparisons of income for the golf course and driving range and memberships from the corresponding periods 2014 to 2016.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for February 2017 which compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2016.

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

98. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of a price increase from the Brewery, progress on the 2017 Fireworks Display and notification that drop in bowls sessions are to be organised for all ages on Wednesday evenings.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) The increase in brewery prices be considered at the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

99. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which detailed the checks and repairs carried out in the parks and notified members that the new item of play equipment at Byerley Park will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The report also advised that the some mature trees had been felled in Simpasture and St Oswald's Parks as part of the winter maintenance programme. It was also reported that following the improvement of conditions, play had been permitted to resume at the football pitches at Moore Lane and Simpasture Parks.

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

100. **OAKLEAF RUNNING TRACK**

Members were requested to consider an application from Richmond Triathlon Club (Junior Section). The Club requested permission to use the tarmac running track for basic cycle training through April and May on Saturdays and possibly Sundays.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) Permission for Richmond Triathlon Club (Junior Section) to use the running track in April and May 2017 on Saturday and Sunday between 10 am and 12 noon be granted upon receipt of appropriate evidence of Club Insurances, an event safety plan and risk assessment have been received.

**CHAIRMAN.**