

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010** at 7.35 pm.

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor G C Gray**, (Chairman) and  
Councillors W M Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, T R Bowman, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, B Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P Ducker, R S Fleming, I Gray, G R Gray, Mrs J Gray, B Haigh, K Henderson, T Hogan, Mrs S J Iveson, M Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs E M Paylor and A Warburton

**OFFICIALS**                Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk).  
Mr D Snowball (Leisure Manager)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)

70.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Gittins, Mrs S Haigh, B Hall and Mrs I Hewitson.

71.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor JD Clare declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 16 (Greenfield School Community and Arts College) as an employee.

72.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

73.    **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74.    **SHOW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor M Iveson, seconded by Councillor V Crosby and

**RESOLVED** – that the undermentioned notes and recommendations of the Show Working Group held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 be received.

- i) That South West Durham Pony Club be booked for one day of the Show at a cost of £1,000.00.
- ii) That the Handcraft and Horticulture Schedule be accepted.
- iii) That Mrs Robinson determine if budget provision could be made for Scribbly Arts, Rob Winter and Jembe community involvement workshops.
- iv) That an area be set aside for the Life Check mobile activity.
- v) That the Leisure Manager give some consideration to different activities for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August including Curling, Skittles, Table Tennis, Quoits etc.
- vi) That the quotation from Protector Security (£3445.00) be accepted for security services at the Show.
- vii) That members give consideration to the acts to be booked for 2011.

75. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February were considered.

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

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the notes of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 be received.

76. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX**

The Town Clerk and the Golf Professional submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010 showing income for that period compared with the corresponding period in 2009.

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

77. **PARKS AND PLAYING FIELDS**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which detailed progress to date with the youth shelter at Horndale Park and advised of a plan to light areas of play equipment at Woodham Park.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that lighting be not installed at Woodham Play area.

78. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The report gave usage comparisons for December 2009 compared with the same period in 2008.

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

79. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager and Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which gave details of the annual School Cross Country Event and quotations received for the provision of transport for the Senior Citizens' Excursions.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that Lees Coaches be awarded the contract for non wheelchair accessible transport.
- iii) that Stanley Travel be awarded the contract for wheelchair accessible transport.

80. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - DANCE MATS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to give consideration to purchasing a portable dance mat system.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that an application be made to the AAP for funding.
- iii) that a request for funding be made to the Youth Council.
- iv) that if required the Council would make up a funding shortfall.

81. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave reported an improved level of energy use at the Sports Complex.

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

82. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - BAR PRICE INCREASE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider increasing prices on products sold within the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that the price increase be implemented from March 8<sup>th</sup> 2010.

83. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - CUSTOMER SURVEY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed results of the annual customer survey.

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

84. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - BUSINESS SERVICE PLAN**

The Leisure Manager submitted the draft Oakleaf sports Complex Service Plan for approval.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that the Service Plan be approved.

85. **GREENFIELD SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ARTS COLLEGE**

Councillor J D Clare declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 16 (Greenfield School Community and Arts College) as an employee and remained in the meeting during the discussion.

The Headteacher of Greenfield Community and Arts College submitted correspondence which sought permission to use the parking area at Horndale Park as a base for a park and stride scheme for older pupils at the School.

The Town Clerk advised that there was no particular problem with the proposal as it is an open car park. However, the condition of the surface would benefit from improvement.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:

- i) that the letter be received.
- ii) that permission be given to use the car park area for a drop off point.

**CHAIRMAN.**