

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2015** at **8.10 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, 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. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

87. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

88. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

89. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

90. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

91. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor J Atkinson seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **14th January 2015** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the 19th January, 2nd and 16th February 2015 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor C Wheeler and

RESOLVED – that the notes and the following recommendations from the meetings be received:-

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- i Quotations be sought for performers and hired services for a Park Event.
- ii Moore Lane Club be approached regarding their summer musical festival.
- iii The Town Centre Manager be approached to determine the type of events which would be suitable to stage in the Town Centre.
- iv The following Festival Applications and grants (where applicable) be approved

Organisation	Event	Grant
a. St Clare's Church	Thanksgiving Service	Nil
b. Friends of Senior Citizens	Indoor Games	Nil
c. Friends of Senior Citizens	Bingo	Nil
d. Friends of Senior Citizens	Auction of Goods	Nil
e. Aycliffe Dance Academy	Dance Show	Nil
f. WASPS	Live Music Evening	£400.00

- v The following Festival Applications be approved in principle subject to submission of appropriate paperwork and insurance.
 - a. Youth Council STEM Science Project
 - b. NAYFC Jnr. Football Tournament

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- i The two bands to be supplied from Durham County Council be booked at a cost of £1,000 in total.
- ii Tommy Bungle be booked at a cost of £400.00
- iii Punch and Judy with face painting be booked at a cost of £325.00
- iv Officers look at hiring a suitable room in the Youth and Community Centre for use in case of inclement weather on 12th July for the Park Event.
- v Aycliffe Brass band be approached to ascertain cost and availability for a Park Event.
- vi Officers investigate the possibility of inviting a circus to perform during the Festival.
- vii Officers approach Mr Cooper regarding holding a fairground during the festival potentially at Moore Lane Park or the Field adjacent to the Oakleaf Sports Complex.
- viii Officers liaise with Jack Drum Arts to ascertain the type of activities which they could provide either as part of the Park Event or as stand-alone activities in local community centres.

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- i. Officers investigate the possibility of providing a ball pool for use by younger children at the Park Event.
- ii. A marquee (size to be determined later) be booked for the Park Event.
- iii. Jack Drum Arts be engaged to provide 2, 2-hour workshops in community centres during the Festival period.
- iv. Costings and more details of the Banner Project in schools be obtained.
- v. More details be obtained for a 'labyrinth' for the Park Event.
- vi. The Coffee Morning and St Clare's Angels events be approved.
- vii. The 'Kids Flicks' with a grant of £61 be approved.

93. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

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

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ending 15th February 2015. The report compared usage figures and income from the corresponding period in 2014.

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

95. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP RESIGNATION**

Members were requested to receive the resignation from Councillor D Summers from the Festival Working Group and to appoint a replacement.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that the resignation be received.

96. **SIMPASTURE FOOTPATHS**

The Works Manager submitted a report in respect of an item to be raised by Councillor A M Chandran regarding the condition of the inner park footpaths in Simpasture Park.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i the report be received.
- ii no action is taken in regard to the complete resurfacing of the inner park footpath.
- iii minor repairs take place as necessary for safety as required.
- iv seats and dog waste bins be moved to suitable positions adjacent to the County Council footpath.

97. **MOORE LANE MUGA**

The Works Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider quotations for the supply and installation of a Multi Games Area at Moore Lane Park.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i the report be received.
- ii the MUGA from Hags SMP be the preferred option for submission with the funding application at a cost of £38,878.00.
- iii a funding application is submitted to Durham County Council for £19,000.00.
- iv £20,000.00 from the Capital Works Budget is submitted as match funding for the project with the funding application.

98. **WEST PARK HYDROLOGY AND ECOLOGY STUDY**

The Works Manager submitted a report which asked members to consider a quotation from Groundwork Northeast to carry out a hydrology and ecology study of West Park Lakes.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i the report be received.
- ii the hydrology and ecology studies be carried out by Groundwork Northeast at a cost of £2,282.50.

99. **FOOTBRIDGES – WEST PARK**

Members were asked to consider a request from Durham County Council for information and comments on the number of bridges required in the location of West Park.

RESOLVED - It be recommended that:

- i Durham County Council be advised that it is essential to residents that all three bridges in this area be retained.
- ii bridges be repaired/replaced as necessary.
- iii a suitable maintenance programme be put in place once the bridges are brought up to standard.

100. **BAR PRICE INCREASE**

Members were asked to consider a report from the Leisure Manager requesting permission to increase bar prices.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i) the report be received.
- ii) the new prices be implemented with effect from Monday 2nd March 2015.
- iii) Authorisation be given to officers to raise bar prices in line with any increase in alcohol duty in the coming Government Budget.

CHAIRMAN.