

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2014 at 7.31 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors E Adam, J Atkinson, B Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran, J D Clare, J Clark, N Collinson, Mrs M 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, D Summers, T Twissell 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)
Miss J Welch (Golf Manager)

86. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors T R Bowman, Mrs B A Clare, M A Dalton and W Iveson.

87. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

88. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

89. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

90. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meetings of the Recreation Committee held on the **15th January 2014** and **5th February 2014** be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

91. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and the Golf Manager submitted their report for the six weeks ending 16th February 2014. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2012 and 2013.

In the report, Miss Julie Welch, the Golf Manager advised of her progress since commencing her post on 7th February. She also indicated at the meeting that she has recruited an apprentice who is keen to progress through to PGA professional status, she has obtained over £1,000 of funding for coaching and that the ladies 'Get Into Golf' course is fully booked.

Miss Welch advised that 36 seniors and 15 to 20 ladies from Woodham Golf Club plus 6 – 8 ladies from Blackwell Grange/Stressholme have indicated that they will be joining the Oakleaf.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 16th February 2014. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2013.

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

93. **BAR PRICE INCREASE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider price increases to the products sold in the bar.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i the report be received
- ii the price increases be implemented on 27th February 2014
- iii alcohol duty be increased from the effective date

94. **CUSTOMER SURVEY RESULTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed the results of the annual survey of customers at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

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

95. **OUTSIDE EVENTS – FIREWORK DISPLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report outlining steps which could be taken to ensure that the problems associated with the Display in 2012 were dealt with adequately.

It was proposed that work on planning the 2014 display be commenced immediately

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received
- ii a meeting be arranged with SAG to consider the proposals
- iii officers commence work on the display immediately

96. **OAKLEAF SERVICE PLAN**

The Leisure Manager submitted the Business Service Plan for the Oakleaf Sports Complex for approval.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received
- ii the Plan be approved

97. **CATERING AND STAFF PROVISION**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider staffing hours and the viability of continuing the provision of Sunday lunches.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received
- ii the vacant post of catering assistant be contracted to work for 21 hours each week
- iii the provision of Sunday lunches be continued

98. **GO RUN FOR FUN**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which requested members to consider permitting the Oakleaf Sports Complex fields to be used as a venue for Go Run for Fun.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i the report be received
- ii permission be granted to Nova International Events to use the fields.
- iii The action of the Town Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of Recreation to agree to allow the field to be used, be endorsed.

CHAIRMAN.