

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.50 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, N. Collinson, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, M. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers 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)
Ms J Welch (Golf Manager)

59. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, M.A.Dalton, Mrs. M. Dalton, J. Clark, Mrs. S. Haigh, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary and Mrs. S.J. Iveson.

60. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

61. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

62. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public suggested that the Council consider charging for wrist bands for the Fireworks Display to offset the financial cost of the Event.

63. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor Mrs V Raw and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 15th October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the 17th November 2014 were considered.

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

RESOLVED – that the notes and recommendations be received.

65. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 19th November 2014 were considered.

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

RESOLVED – that the notes and recommendations be received.

66. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

68. **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the Firework Display which updated members regarding the Display which had taken place on the 5th November 2014.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That all staff involved in the staging of the Event be thanked for their efforts together with the Chairman of the Recreation Committee.
- iii) That the suggestion from a member of the public that the Council consider a charge for the public to attend the Firework Display be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

69. **MARS JUST PLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider the Oakleaf Sports Complex becoming an “FA Mars Just Play” centre.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the Oakleaf Sports Complex be permitted to participate in the Mars “Just Play” initiative.

70. **GO RUN FOR FUN**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider continuing the provision of the Go Run for Fun event within the grounds of the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the 'Go Run For Fun' event be permitted to continue.

71. **FITNESS TRAINING – ACCESS TO PARKS' FACILITIES**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which asked members to consider personal trainers offering fitness training on the Council's land and in its parks.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That part of the field may be used for fitness training as requested.
- iii) That the principle of a 'licenced instructor' be applied to similar requests.
- iv) That those found to be undertaking similar classes on Council land be requested to seek approval from the Council and obtain a licence for the purpose.
- v) That evidence of professional qualifications and suitable insurance cover be obtained from the instructors.

72. **ADDITIONAL SEATING AND BINS – WEST PARK**

The Works Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider a request from the Friends of West Park to have additional seating and litter bins installed in West Park.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the siting of proposed new furniture be agreed.
- ii) That negotiations with Friends of West Park in relation to funding be continued.
- iv) That the Officers decide which stock items of street furniture are to be used on the Scheme.

73. **FESTIVAL GRANT APPLICATION**

Members were requested to consider a Festival application made by WASPS which had been referred by the Festival Working Group.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that a representative from WASPS be invited to attend a meeting with the Festival Working Group to discuss their application.

CHAIRMAN.