

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **27th MAY 2015** at 8.15 pm

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall**, (Chairman) and
Councillors A M Chandran E Adam, J Atkinson,
B Blenkinsopp, R Bowman, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton,
R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson,
J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, M Iveson Mrs S J Iveson,
W Iveson, P Kjenstad, and Mrs V M Raw.

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)

7. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, M A Dalton, Mrs I Hewitson, C Wheeler and Golf Manager, Ms J Welch.

8. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

10. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

11. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **8th April 2015** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the **18th May 2015** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton, seconded by Councillor E Adam and

RESOLVED it be recommended that:

- i The notes be received and recommendations approved.
- ii Greenfield Community Arts be requested to obtain additional quotes for the fixing brackets and printing of the banners.
- iii An advert be placed with Newton Press at a cost of £1,000.00.
- iv Star Radio be booked to attend the Picnic in the Park, at a cost of £600.00.
- v The fairground be allowed to use Moore Lane Playing fields for the fairground with rent at £500 for the first year, to be re-assessed for 2016 based on the attendance in 2015 if possible.
- vi Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre's application for a grant of £500 be approved.

13. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Golf Course Working Group held on the **19th May 2015** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor P Kjenstad and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

The following notes and recommendations be approved.

- i The Oakleaf Golf club initiative to allow members to play on other courses for reduced fees be reported to the Recreation Committee for information.
- ii Course Items:
 - It be reported to the Recreation Committee the requests made in regard to:
 - a) Removal of branches to 15th medal tee.
 - b) Filling in of depression/hole in 15th Fairway.
 - c) Additional topping up to course path.
- iii Golf Course Membership Projections:
 - a) It be reported that members had considered the current membership numbers, which would be kept under review.
 - b) It be noted that a 9-month season ticket special offer is to be made available and publicised.
 - c) The Golf Manager look into 'Foot Golf' and report back in due course.
 - d) The Golf Manager make appropriate arrangements and contacts with local press to publicise her initiatives.

- iv The Recreation Committee consider that free junior golf membership be given to Woodham junior team members at Oakleaf Golf Course.

14. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report which gave financial information regarding income from green fees, the driving range and season tickets for the 7 weeks ending 17th May and also the annual statistics.

The Town Clerk outlined details of special offers and initiatives which were to be introduced.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 17th May 2015. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2014.

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

16. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – FLAG POLES**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider the removal of flag poles outside the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii The flagpoles and concrete bases be removed by Works staff with assistance from an external contractor if this can be done from the existing budget..
- iii If the work cannot be carried out by Works Staff or within existing budgets, a further report with costs for the safe removal of poles and bases be brought to the Recreation Committee.

17. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – CATERING PROVISION AND STAFFING**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider reducing the number of hours of catering on Monday evenings.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii The opening hours be reduced and the kitchen closed from 7.30 pm on Mondays only.
- iii The new contract be issued for 18 hours per week.
- iv The catering provision at the Oakleaf Sports Complex be referred to the Service Review Sub-committee to review the catering function.

18. **FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION**

The Works Manager submitted a report which detailed applications for football pitches for the 2015/16 season with recommendations for pitch allocation.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii The pitches are allocated as follows:

Pitch	Football Club
Sports Complex 1a	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 1b	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 2	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 3	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Sports Complex 4	Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre AFC
Simpasture Park 1a	The Huntsman Good Fella's FC
Simpasture Park 1b	FC Turbinia
Moore Lane 1a	Newton Aycliffe Town FC
Moore Lane 1b	Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC

19. **REPLACEMENT PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Works Manager submitted a report which outlined the costs for replacement units at Horndale Park and the Oakleaf Sports Complex play areas.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii The replacement multi units be purchased from Hags SMP at a cost of £17609.45 including safety surfacing repairs.

20. **WEST PARK UPDATE**

The Works Manager submitted a report which gave up to date information regarding the progress of the Hydrology and Ecology study of West Park Lakes.

The Works Manager advised that 6 of the 19 trees recently planted in West Park had been badly vandalised. As a result, 5 had been removed and 1 was not expected to survive. The cost of the 6 trees including installation was approximately £100 each.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i The report be received.
- ii Durham County Council be contacted to establish if their covert CCTV can be put in place.
- iii The vandalism photographs be published in the local press with editorial condemning the act of vandalism.

21. **WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.**

The Town Clerk reported verbally that due to timescales, the project had been progressed without the need for financial assistance from this Council.

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

CHAIRMAN.