

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER 2013** at **8.20 p.m.**

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

OFFICIALS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Mr. S. Cooper (Environment Officer)
Mrs. J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr. D. Thompson (Works Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

56. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R. Bowman, J. Clark, M.A. Dalton, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and T. Twissell.

57. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

58. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

59. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

60. **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 16th October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the Golf Course Working Group held on the 23rd October 2013 were considered.

RESOLVED - that the notes and recommendations of the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group be received.

62. SHOW WORKING GROUP

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Show Working Group held on the 4th November and the 18th November 2013 were submitted:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

4th November 2013 - Meeting

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Big and Little booking be confirmed at £2,400.00.
- iii) Jason Smythe be booked at £3,980.00.
- iv) Officers investigate community group involvement in arena activities such as Fly Ball and Dog Agility.
- v) The date of the 2015 Show be 4th and 5th July 2015.
- vi) A letter be sent to Mr Cooper advising of the proposed date for 2015 and requesting that he considers adjusting his diary accordingly.

18th November 2013 - Meeting

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Further enquiries be made for community group involvement
- iii) Brian and Marilyn Llewellyn be booked at £650.00
- iv) A bungee run and maze be booked at £900.00
- v) The officer investigate further walkabout entertainers.
- vi) The following hired services/equipment be booked.
 - a) Castle Scaffold £720.00
 - b) Nixon £640.00
 - c) Delta Security £4444.00
 - d) FX Productions £650.00
 - e) TMS £390.00
 - f) Tony Atkinson (outdoor) £800.00
 - g) John Melvin (indoor) £650.00
 - h) Jeff Dobson Marquee Hire £5881.00
 - i) John Wade Skip Hire (per skip) £133.33

63. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 17th November 2013.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:-

- i) The report be received.
- ii) A formal letter of thanks be sent to Neil Whinham, Golf Professional, whose last day at the Oakleaf Golf Complex will be Saturday 30 November 2013.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 17th November 2013. The report compared usage figures and income from the corresponding period in 2012.

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

65. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report giving details of 'Body Fit', a new exercise class for over 50s, to be held at the Oakleaf Complex.

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

66. **MEMBERSHIP AGE CATEGORY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report requesting Members to consider changing the age ranges for junior and senior memberships.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The Junior age range be increased from 16 years to 18 years.
- iii) The Senior age range to remain at 60 years.

67. **CATERING AND STAFFING**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report requesting Members to consider a number of changes to the provision of catering hours, Sunday Lunch and the amendment of catering staffing contracted hours.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:-

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The kitchen be closed from 2100 hours on Monday and from Wednesday to Saturday.
- iii) A decision on the provision of Sunday lunches be deferred until the meeting of full Council to allow further consideration by Members.

68. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report giving an update on events.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:-

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) Northern Bygones be permitted to hold the classic and vintage car show as an annual event in future years in consultation with the Leisure Manager.

69. **SHOW WORKING GROUP**

Councillor T. Twissell had submitted his resignation from the Show Working Group and members were asked to consider a replacement on this Group.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:-

- (i) The resignation of Councillor T. Twissell be received.
- (ii) Any Member interested in being nominated to the Show Working Group should contact the Town Clerk.

CHAIRMAN.