

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2017** at **7.49 p.m.**

**PRESENT** Councillor **B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors M Ashcroft, J Atkinson, D G Atkinson, Kathryn Beetham, P J Bergg, Mrs D Bowman, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, G C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, Mrs K Hopper, Mrs V M Raw, K Robson and Mrs S A Symons.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor P Symons

**OFFICIALS** Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)  
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)

5. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors E Adam, M Iveson and Mrs S J Iveson.

6. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. **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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and the meeting of the special meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

10. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ending 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2015 and 2016 as well as the usage statistics for the 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

The report also advised of the new arrangements for the onsite management and staffing of the golf shop and the stock and services which are now available.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) A quarterly balance sheet from the sale of shop goods be produced.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed the income and usage for April and May 2017 and the same periods in 2016.

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

12. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of a wheelchair skills workshop for young people which would take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> and the purchase of new junior fencing equipment.

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

13. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave the dates and format for the Fun in the Parks for 2017.

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

14. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which detailed the checks and repairs carried out in the parks, the installation of a Tango seat at St Oswald's Park, the completion of the Byerley Park play equipment installation and the removal of organic matter from West Park Lakes.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) Consideration be given to the installation of Tango seats in other parks when refurbishment/replacement work is undertaken.

15. **WEST PARK LAKES**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to update members with items relating to the ongoing maintenance of West Park Lakes.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) Northumbrian Water be requested to assist with cleaning of the lakes with specific reference to the build-up of silt.

16. **ROUGH CUTTER PROCUREMENT REPORT**

The Works and Environment Manager and Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator submitted a report which requested members to consider approving the purchase of a rotary rough cutter for the Golf Course.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that

- a) The report be received.
- b) Purchase of the Jacobsen AR522 Rotary mower (demonstrator model) with extended warranty be approved at a total cost of £32,645

17. **FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which asked members to consider the allocation of football/rugby pitches for the 2017/18 season.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) The sports pitch allocation for 2017/18 be as follows:

<b>Pitch</b>	<b>Club</b>
Sports Complex 1a	Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club
Sports Complex 1b	Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club
Sports Complex 2	Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club
Sports Complex 3	Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club
Sports Complex 4	Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club
Simpasture Park 1a	Huntsman Good Fella's
Simpasture Park 1b	Navy Club Saturday
Moore Lane 1a	Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC
Moore Lane 1b	Vacant
Moore Lane 2	Newton Aycliffe RUFC

18. **CAPITAL EXPENDIUTRE – TARGET INFLATABLES**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to on the proposal to purchase a Shoot for Goal inflatable for use at the Oakleaf Sports Complex and Fun in the Parks events having researched available products.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) Purchase of the 'Shoot for Goal' inflatable, blower and Radar Speed Kit at a cost of £4,984.00 be authorised.

19. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor M Chandran and

**RESOLVED** – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was, in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

20. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - CCTV**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to advise members of the costs to upgrade and update the CCTV at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- a) The report be received.
- b) Upgrading of the CCTV facility be authorised at a cost of £2,300.00

**CHAIRMAN.**