

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor M Iveson** (Chairman) and
Councillors M Ashcroft, Kathy Beetham, Bill Blenkinsopp,
J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, B Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary and
Paul Symons.

OFFICERS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)

22. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

23. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

24. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

25. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

26. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor J Clark and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 22nd August 2018 be confirmed as a correct record

27. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which gave suggested itineraries for the venues decided upon in the previous meeting

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The itineraries for Blackpool, Lake District and South Shields be as outlined in the report.
- iii. The itinerary for Scarborough be Whitby, Scarborough and Gisborough Hall.
- iv. The itinerary for Northumberland be Whitley Bay, Doxford Hall, Alnwick and Derwent Manor Hotel.
- v. The itinerary for the Scottish Borders be Boundary Mills, Doxford Hall, Berwick and Dobbie's Garden Centre.

28. AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which included feedback from the event organisers and members of the public for the 2018 Festival.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. There be no Aycliffe Festival in 2019.
- iii. Funds be made available via the Policy and Resources Committee for community groups to support their events throughout the year.
- iv. Large events be considered by the Events Sub-Committee.

29. SANTA TOURS

The Leisure Manager's report advised of the expansion of the Town causing the possible addition of extra routes and vehicles, the difficulties of hiring the required number of suitable vehicles for the present number of Tours, and the legality and safety issues regarding riding on the rear of vehicles.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The Santa Tours in its present format be replaced with the vehicles stopping in strategic locations throughout the Parish for the public to come to visit Santa.
- iii. The public be informed in advance of the change and the reasons for the decision to cease the Santa Tours in its present format.
- iv. A 'Winter Wonderland' event be further investigated by Officers with a view to it being organised in 2019.

30. FUN IN THE PARKS

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave suggestions for themed Fun in the Parks including one aimed at older children aged 6 – 12. The Leisure Manager also advised that it would be advisable to seek an alternative site presently used in Horndale Park due to road safety concerns.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Officers investigate a possible alternative site in Horndale Park and bring a further report to the Events Sub-Committee.

31. SUGGESTED EVENTS FOR 2019/20

Members were asked for suggestions for possible events for the 2019/20 year.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that

- i. Events be spread out during the year.
- ii. The following events be considered:

- a. Food Festival with micro-breweries in attendance.
 - b. Proms in the Park.
 - c. Outdoor Cinema
 - d. Easter Egg Hunt
 - e. Music Festival with large viewing Screen
 - f. Horticulture Show
 - g. Vintage Fire Engine/vehicle displays
 - h. Forties Event
 - i. Kite Festival
- iii. That one or more of the above events be linked to the Party in the Park organised by Durham County Council.

CHAIRMAN