

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019** at 7.24 p.m.

**PRESENT** **Councillor Jed Hillary**, (Chairman) and  
Councillors Eddy Adam, M Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson,  
Derek G Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P J Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp,  
Mrs D Bowman, Arun M Chandran, B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark,  
Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, George C Gray, Mrs S Haigh,  
B Hall, Dave Hardaker, K Henderson, Wendy Hillary,  
Kate Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs V M Raw,  
Ken Robson and Paul Symons.

**OFFICIALS** Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr E Birkett (Park Patrol Supervisor)  
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Mrs C Walton (Corporate & Policy Officer)  
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)

72. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Sally Symons.

73. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

74. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

75. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

76. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **28<sup>th</sup> November 2018** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

77. **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Derek Atkinson seconded by Councillor B Hall

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

- i. The Minutes of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 9th January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

- ii. Officers, and in particular, the Leisure Manager be thanked for their work in organising the Santa Tours.
- iii. A letter of thanks be sent to the Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary for his assistance in the matter of Santa's transport.

78. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ended 6th January 2019. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in the previous two years. The report also gave information regarding the continued increase in shop sales and that drainage channels had been installed to the rear of the Driving Range.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report with statistical information on usage for November 2018. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in the previous year.

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

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Future reports include bar takings for the period 12 – 3.30pm on Sundays.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave details of 6 special catering events which were to be held from January to March.

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

81. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which advised of the completion of the Aycliffe Village Junior Play area and the Skate Park in the Town Park and the repairs at Cobblers Hall Play equipment. The report also advised of vandalism to the Town Park and vehicles being driven illegally on open land across the Town including some Council land.

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

82. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS – COACH PROVISION**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which requested members to consider the quotations which had been received.

It was noted that some figures in the report were inaccurate.

This item was not considered and it was recommended that an amended report be referred to the Special Events Sub-Committee.

83. **EXCLUSION REPORT**

The Management Team submitted a report which provided members with information regarding a number of incidents in the Town Park with a view to providing exclusions for five young people

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

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Officers and Park Patrol be commended for their actions.
- iii. The exclusions shown in the report be applied:
  - a) 3 youths excluded for 6 months
  - b) 2 youths excluded for 12 months.

**CHAIRMAN.**