

Minutes of a Meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY 2018** at **7.25 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor Jed Hillary (Chairman) and**
Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, D.G. Atkinson, Jim 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, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, K. Henderson, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, Ken Robson, Paul Symons and Sally Symons.

OFFICERS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Mr. S. Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Mr. L. Williams (Grounds Maintenance & Services Co-ordinator)
Mrs. J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

23. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Wendy Hillary.

24. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

25. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of interest submitted.

26. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

27. **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 30th May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28. **GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP**

The notes and following recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 14th June 2018 were submitted for consideration:-

- (i) The arrangements for hosting the DCGU Captain's Tournament on the 5th May 2019 be accepted.
- (ii) That the provision of food – broth/beef sandwiches – be funded by the Council as corporate hospitality.

- (iii) That suitable publicity be given to the hosting of this event at the Oakleaf Golf Complex.
- (iv) That the information in regard to the departure of the teaching Pro be noted.
- (v) That permission is given to play two re-scheduled competitions and suitable tee times be provided.
- (vi) That arrangements take place to bring the 12th additional tee back into play for competitions and the use be monitored by greenkeeping and Golf Shop staff.
- (vii) That work is undertaken to ensure the seat on the 6th tee is in a usable condition.

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

RESOLVED – that the notes and recommendations from the Golf Course Working Group held on the 14th June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor R.S. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Jim Atkinson and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 4th July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. **OAK LEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ending the 1st July 2018. The report gave comparisons of income from the Golf Course and Driving Range for the corresponding periods in 2016 and 2017 and also income and expenditure from the Golf Shop.

The Golf Administrator had also given an update on the course and events taking place.

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

31. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed the income and usage for May 2018 compared with the same period in 2017.

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

32. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised members of special offers which had been introduced at the Sports Complex to try to boost an uptake in sport over a weekend.

Other promotions had been on offer in the bar during Wimbledon week and also during the World Cup

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

33. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – OAK LEAF COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager had submitted a report to provide an update on the purchase of tables and chairs for events.

A budget of £9,500 had been allocated from the Capital Programme and quotations had been sought from a number of supplies as costs would exceed £5,000. The quotations were for 200 chairs, 25 tables, a chair trolley and delivery costs. Three companies had submitted quotations:-

Company 1	£7,431.20
Company 2	£8,860.00
Company 3	£9,277.00

An amount of £400 was also being sought should the cost of quotations have changed since the initial quotations.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the chairs and tables be purchased from Company 1 at a cost of £7,431.20.
- (iii) That on this occasion the contingency back up of £400 be agreed if it was necessary.

34. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report giving an update on the Cobblers Hall play area development, activities undertaken by the Aycliffe Youth Council. An update on the closure of the football season. The report also set out details of the purchase of the defibrillator. Vandalism and damage to areas of the town were also set out.

The Works and Environment Manager gave a verbal update on the opening of Cobblers Hall Play area which was expected to the 28th July. An official opening by the Mayor, GAMP and appropriate County Councillors would take place once the whole site had been completed.

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

35. **TOWN PARK – SKATE PARK**

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator had submitted a report for members to consider various options currently available to replace the skate park equipment in the Town Park.

Following an incident with the current skate park it had been necessary to carry out emergency repair works to keep the facility open, however, due to the deteriorating condition it was agreed, following discussions with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Recreation, that the order to replace the skate board equipment be placed as soon as possible.

The following quotations had been submitted following a public consultation for a preferred design.

Fearless – 5' Ramp	£49,000.00 + VAT
Evolution	£47,438.25 + VAT
Eibe	£44,340.41 + VAT
Caloo	£44,968.75 + VAT

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That it be noted that the preferred option as chosen from the public consultation be accepted from 'Fearless' at a cost of £49,000.00 + VAT. has been ordered.

CHAIRMAN