

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **MONDAY, 29th 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
and Paul Symons.

OFFICERS Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs. J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Arun M. Chandran
Councillor Mrs. S.J. Iveson

32. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

33. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

34. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

35. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A question was raised regarding inclusivity and having a Mrs Claus in every sleigh.

It was explained that while every effort was made to be inclusive, the vehicles used only contained three seats, which would be required for Santa (when travelling at more than walking pace), the driver and navigator.

Another question was raised regarding whether there were now sufficient vehicles.

It was confirmed that extra vehicles had been promised and there were now sufficient.

A member of the public who had started a social media campaign in support of the Santa Tours continuing as in previous years apologised to the committee for any inappropriate comments that had appeared on social media from other persons as this was not his intention or desire in starting the campaign.

36. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor Jed Hillary, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 3rd October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

37. **SANTA TOURS**

The Leisure Manager presented a report updating members on the arrangements for the Santa Tours and to enable members to undertake further consideration of the format of the tours following a reference back to the Events Sub-Committee of Minute 29 (ii) of the Recreation Committee.

RESOLVED - it be recommended to the Recreation Committee that:-

- i) The information in the report be considered.
- ii) It be confirmed that the Santa Tours will continue as a tour of Great Aycliffe without specific timed stops.
- iii) Officers' actions in seeking further vehicles and volunteers in order to increase the number of vehicles on tour be endorsed.
- iv) The additional expenditure that will be required to provide the event with additional equipment be agreed.

38. **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updating Members on the progress of the arrangements for the Annual Fireworks Display, including the attendance of Aycliffe Radio.

RESOLVED – that the report be received.

CHAIRMAN.