

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT** Councillor M Iveson (Chairman) and  
Councillors M Ashcroft, 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)

39. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Kathy Beetham.

40. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

41. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

42. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public advised that the report was incorrect in relation to the Santa Tours as the female volunteer actually wanted to perform the role of Santa Claus and not be Mrs Claus on the rear of the vehicle. He felt that the lady's request should be agreed.

Another member of the public explained that initially he had volunteered to be Santa Claus and his wife was to navigate. Having given consideration to the fact that his wife may be required to assist the driver by guiding him or her when reversing, they decided that it would be better if he navigated and she was Santa Claus. He also felt that their request should be permitted.

43. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor M Ashcroft and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

44. **SANTA TOURS**

The Leisure Manager's report submitted a report to provide members with progress for the new Santa Tours event. The report advised that all the routes had now been set and the Leisure Manager was in the process of allocating volunteers to routes.

The report also advised of a request from a female volunteer to be Mrs Claus on the back of one vehicle.

The Leisure Manager explained that the female volunteer had requested to perform the role of Santa Claus and not Mrs Claus as stated in the report and asked members to consider the request.

The Leisure Manager distributed a copy of the proposed routes and a more detailed plan of routes one to four for members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The female volunteer be permitted to perform the role of Santa Claus.

#### 45. **FIREWORKS EVENT**

The Leisure Manager submitted a Firework Display post-event report which advised that the Event was well received and all the wristbands had been given out. The report also advised that some people were selling wristbands on social media and one of the secondary schools.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i. The report be received.
- ii. The number of wrist bands distributed to each household be reviewed by the Recreation Committee.

**CHAIRMAN**