

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019** at **7.44 p.m.**

**PRESENT** **Councillor Jed Hillary**, (Chairman) and  
Councillors Eddy Adam, M Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson,  
Derek G Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, 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, Wendy Hillary, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson,  
Mrs V M Raw, Ken Robson and Paul Symons.

**OFFICIALS** Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)

84. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P J Bergg, Kate Hopper and Sally Symons

85. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

86. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

87. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

88. **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 **16<sup>th</sup> January 2019** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

89. **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Hardaker, seconded by Councillor M Ashcroft

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

The Minutes of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

90. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ended 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in the previous two years. The report also gave information regarding retail sales at the Golf Shop.

The Town Clerk advised verbally that he had received the Golf Administrator's resignation.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The notice of resignation from the Golf Administrator be noted.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report with statistical information on usage for December 2018 and January 2019. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in the previous year.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave details of themed 'specials' in the bar for British Pie Week, St Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day. The report also advised of an Open Mic night which was to be held in April.

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

93. **ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave the results of the customer survey which was carried out in January 2019.

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

94. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – SERVICE PLAN 2019 – 2020**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report and submitted the annual Business Service Plan for 2019-2020.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The Service Plan be approved and implemented.

95. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager's report advised that regular ongoing inspections to play equipment had been completed and repairs carried out and that roses had been planted in Sheila's Garden in St Oswald's Park.

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

96. **SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP – RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which relayed the findings of the Service Review Working Group regarding the Oakleaf Sports Complex for members' consideration.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended:

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the proposed refurbishment of the bowls hall carpet be progressed as appropriate.
- iii) That the bar and function room carpets be professionally deep cleaned.
- iv) That the sports hall floor be refurbished in the 2019/2020 budget year.
- v) That the Leisure Manager be instructed to continue seeking to provide a diversity of leisure activities to complement the existing sports provision.
- vi) That improvements to the access to the doors to the sports hall be undertaken to facilitate access when special events are taking place.
- vii) That the appropriate committee be requested to consider the existing system of officer responsibility for the provision of Council events.
- viii) That a further review be undertaken in 3-4 years.

**CHAIRMAN.**