

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2019** at **6.00 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor M Iveson** (Chairman) and
Councillors M Ashcroft, Kathy Beetham, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton,
B Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary 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)

54. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp

55. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

56. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

57. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

58. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Hardaker, seconded by Councillor Kathy Beetham and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 9th January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

59. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS COACH PROVISION**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted a report regarding the quotations received for coach hire for the Senior Citizens' excursions in 2019.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Lee's of Durham be awarded the contract for non-wheelchair accessible coaches.
- iii) Stanley Travel be awarded the contract for wheelchair accessible coaches.

60. **ACLE SCOUT GROUP APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted a report which gave information regarding an application for a grant of £800 from the Acle Scout Group towards the cost of live entertainment for a planned event.

RESOLVED – it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) A grant of £400 be allocated to the Acle Scout Group towards their event.

61. **BRASS FESTIVAL - PARTY IN THE PARK**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted a report which requested that members give authorisation for the Party in the Park event in 2019 to proceed.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The booking for a Party in the Park, as part of the Durham Brass Festival, be confirmed.
- iii) A sum of £7,000 be allocated from the Events Sub-Committee budget for the event.

62. **LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant's report requested members to consider an application for a grant of £4,900 to Aycliffe Radio towards a 2-day Live Music Festival to be held in the Town Centre in June 2019.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) A grant of £4,900 be allocated to Aycliffe Radio's Live Music Festival event.

63. **HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

A report was submitted by the Grounds Maintenance Services Coordinator to ask members to consider the introduction of a Newton Aycliffe Horticultural Show.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The event be progressed subject to funding being made available.

64. **FUN IN THE PARKS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave updated information on the Fun in the Parks events in 2019.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Officers contact other organisations to increase the attractions at some of the events.
- iii) The proposal to include donkey rides be agreed subject to additional funding be made available.

65. **EASTER HUNT**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to provide members with information regarding a proposed Easter Egg Hunt event which is to be held at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The Easter Egg Hunt event be agreed.

66. **PROPOSED SKATE COMPETITION / DEMONSTRATION**

The Works & Environment Manager's report requested that members consider a proposal for a Skate Park Demonstration Event with associated attractions on site in the Town Park on the 25th May 2019.

RESOLVED - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The Skate Park Demonstration Event be agreed.
- iii) Officers seek additional funding from external sources to co-fund the event or provide additional activities.

CHAIRMAN