

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019** at **7.29 p.m.**

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

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

97. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Wendy Hillary, M Iveson and Mrs S J Iveson.

98. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

99. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

100. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

101. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp seconded by Councillor Dave Hardaker and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **27<sup>th</sup> February 2019** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp seconded by Councillor Kathy Beetham and

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

The Minutes of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

103. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 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 reported verbally that the Golf Administrator post had now been filled.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report with statistical information on usage for February 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.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave details of themed menu 'specials' in the bar. The report also advised that the Fantazmagoria event went well and there was a possibility that a further one would be organised.

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

106. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager's report advised that regular ongoing inspections to play equipment had been completed and improvements carried out to the Pavilion at Simpasture Park. It was also reported that anti-social behaviour problems have been occurring at Cobblers Hall Play Area.

The Works and Environment Manager reported verbally that three children had reported that some youths were in the process of setting a fire to the safety surface at Byerley Park Play Area. As a result of their actions, the damage was minimal. The Works and Environment Manager requested permission to reward the children with a meal voucher for the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The three children be given a voucher for a £10 meal at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.
- iii) Any publicity regarding the incident should protect the identities of the children.

**CHAIRMAN.**