

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2019** at **6.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT** Councillor M Iveson (Chairman) and Councillors M Ashcroft, Derek Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, Bill Blenkinsopp, B Hall, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Mrs S J Iveson and Paul Symons.

**OFFICIALS** Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)

10. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors B.A. Clare, Mrs. M. Dalton and Dave Hardaker.

11. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

14. **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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

15. **OUTDOOR CINEMA**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted a report which gave information regarding the various types of screen available for hire for an outdoor cinema and requested members to consider the option available.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i) Seaham Town Council be contacted to ascertain whether the screen they use comes with a stage and also obtain the screen size and supplier for cost comparison with a 100 sqm screen and PA system from adi.tv as in the report.
- ii) Officers liaise with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Events Sub-Committee regarding the final order for the LED screen and compatible PA system for two days.

- iii) The event be themed around the VE Day 75th celebrations.
- iv) Officer's obtain a list of the films available for hire.
- v) Officer's investigate the possibility of obtaining historical Pathe news bulletins and other historical films around the 1940s.
- vi) The screen hire be for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- vii) Other entertainment be organised around the same theme to make the event more inclusive and interesting.
- viii) Contact Aycliffe Senior Schools, Reme Staff Band and Band of Bugles to ascertain their interest and any associated costs in performing at the event.

16. **EXTERNAL EVENTS - POST EVENT FEEDBACK**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted two feedback forms from organisations who had received grants for events they organised in May and June.

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

17. **VE DAY – 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – 8<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**

Members were requested to consider a report from the Town Clerk which had been deferred from the Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Minute No. 36(ii).

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Contact be made with local Pipers to establish if they can play in Newton Aycliffe on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- iii) The National Toast to the Heroes on the Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be publicised via. local media and/or letter to public houses in the Great Aycliffe Area.
- iv) Officers write to 'Churches Together' in Great Aycliffe to advise of the celebration and encourage Churches to ring the bells as requested on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- v) A letter be written to all Pubs and Clubs, Community Centres and Associations with information on event and website to encourage parties and celebrations throughout the weekend.
- vi) The possibility of a themed evening at the Oakleaf Sports Complex bar be explored.
- vii) Encourage Churches Together to register on the VE75 Website to be involved in the Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 taking into account the reading of a 'Tribute to the Millions' and the Last Post and Reveille.

## 18. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS**

The Leisure & Environment Assistant submitted a report which requested members to consider the venues for the Excursions for 2020.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The destinations for 2020 be:-
  - a. Northumberland
  - b. Scottish Borders
  - c. Lake District
  - d. Blackpool
  - e. Scarborough
  - f. South Shields

## 19. **ACLE SCOUTS**

Members were asked to consider a suggestion by the Acle Scouts for May Day Event in 2020.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i) The request be received.
- ii) A grant of £400 be allocated for the purchase of a Maypole.

## 20. **GO RUN FOR FUN 2020**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to request members' consideration of the continued provision of the Go Run for Fun event for 2020.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Permission be granted for the use of the Oakleaf Sports Complex fields for the Event.

## 21. **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to advise on the progress regarding the organisation of the annual Firework Display.

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

## 22. **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Discussion took place regarding a request from the Oakleaf Golf Club to organise a Golf Tournament in 2019. However, as the request was not on the Agenda, it was decided to refer the item to the Recreation Committee as the application included a request for funding.