

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019** at 7.21 p.m.

**PRESENT** Councillor B Hall, (Chairman) and  
Councillors M Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Derek G Atkinson,  
Kathy Beetham, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman,  
Arun M Chandran, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray,  
George C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary,  
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)

7. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Eddy Adam, P J Bergg, B A Clare, J D Clare and Sally Symons.

8. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

10. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

11. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **11<sup>th</sup> April 2019** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The Minutes of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- ii) Officers be congratulated for their work organising the successful Skate Park Event in the Town Park.

13. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ended 19<sup>th</sup> May 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 Golf Administrator reported on a successful Durham Golf Union competition and that new Driving Range targets and mats had been ordered.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report with statistical information on usage for the March and April 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.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave information regarding the themed meals and events planned for June and July 2019.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The Leisure Manager be congratulated for the introduction of the wide variety of themed events organised.

16. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – BAR FURNITURE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which provided information regarding the planned bar refurbishment programme and requested members to consider the configuration of the sofa area seating.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The sofa area be changed to banquette seating at a cost of £3,366.00.
- iii) The works be funded from the Capital Programme Budget.
- iv) A further report be brought for consideration at a future date regarding the replacement of tub chairs.

17. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager's report advised that regular ongoing inspections to play equipment had been completed and the fencing in the Town Park had been painted. A wooden canopy had been replaced at St Oswald's Park and a new bench installed in the Town Park. It was also reported that further anti-social behaviour problems have been occurring at Cobblers Hall Play Area.

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

18. **FOOTBALL / RUGBY PITCH UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which requested that members approve the football pitch allocation for the 2019/20 season.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the current applications for pitches be accepted.

**CHAIRMAN.**