

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> JULY 2019** at **7.58 p.m.**

**PRESENT** **Councillor B Hall**, (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,  
Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper,  
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)

19. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs S Haigh and Sally Symons.

20. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

21. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

22. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

23. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Dave Hardaker, seconded by Councillor Jim Atkinson and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meetings of the Recreation Committee held on the **15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24. **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in the previous two years for Green Fees and the Driving Range. The report also gave information regarding retail sales at the Golf Shop.

The Golf Administrator advised of special offers which were to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July and of the installation of new targets on the driving range and the replacement of Range mats.

The report also advised of a request for sponsorship from the Oakleaf Golf Club to continue the golf tournament which had been held during Aycliffe Show, then the Aycliffe Festival.

**RESOLVED** – it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Sponsorship to the value of £400 for prize money for the Club Tournament be agreed.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report with statistical information on usage for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 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.

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave information regarding promotional days which had been organised for August. The report also requested permission to progress discussions with the organisers of the Thai Boxing Event and an Inflatable Fun Day.

**RESOLVED** – it be recommended that

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Officers continue discussions with the event organisers of the Thai Boxing and Inflatable Fun Day.

28. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager's report advised that summer bedding had been completed at St Oswald's, Town and Simpasture Parks and that seeding and renovation of Moore Lane Simpasture and Oakleaf football fields had been carried out.

The report also advised that a section of fencing had been stolen from the playground in West Park which had since been replaced.

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

29. **COBBLERS HALL PLAY AREA**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider publicity and a resident's letter concerning the suitability of the playground installed at Cobbler's Hall Play Area.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that the report be received and no further action taken.

30. **BAR CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The Leisure Manager's report provided updated information regarding the bar supplies contract at the Oakleaf Sports Complex and requested members' agreement to a one-year extension to the Contract and sponsorship package.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) A one-year extension to Matthew Clark's Contract be agreed.

31. **CAPITAL SPEND – BOWLS HALL CARPET**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to give an update on the planned maintenance works to the Bowls Hall Carpet.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The underlay in the Bowls Hall be replaced and the surface material be turned.

32. **CAPITAL SPEND –DOOR SHUTTERS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members' permission for the officers to proceed with the works and to advise whether officers were to undertake an intrusive building survey to establish the presence of asbestos prior to any installation of shutters on the front doors.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The planned works proceed.
- iii) An intrusive building survey be undertaken to establish if there is asbestos present prior to a further report to the Committee with quotations for the replacement of the front shutter door.

33. **CAPITAL SPEND – CARPETS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested that members consent to the works for cleaning the carpets and seating in the bar/function room proceed.

**RESOLVED** –it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The planned works proceed after the installation of the bench seat.
- iii) The remaining budget be carried forward for further works to be carried out if necessary.

**CHAIRMAN.**