

## EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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 and Paul Symons.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillor Arun M. Chandran.

### OFFICERS

Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)  
Mrs J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)  
Mr S. Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)

### 23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Wendy Hillary and Mrs S.J. Iveson.

### 24. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

### 25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 26. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

### 27. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsop, seconded by Councillor Paul Symons 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.

### 28. EVENT UPDATES

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updating members on the Fireworks Display and Santa Tours.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received

- ii) Additional budget provision be available if required for additional security staffing for the Fireworks Display
- iii) The Leisure Manager be authorised to hire 3 vehicles for use on the Santa Tours if required, at a total provisional cost of £1050.

## **29. CYCLO-CROSS EVENT UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to inform members of the recent cyclo-cross event which had taken place on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 on the Oakleaf Complex fields.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that

- i) Officers liaise with the event organisers with regard to the provision of additional mounds on the course to improve the event.
- ii) Officers liaise with the event organisers with regard to holding a Go Tri event at the Oakleaf, aimed at encouraging the public to try Triathlon.

## **30. VE DAY – 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Town Clerk submitted an update to the report originally prepared by the former Leisure and Environment Assistant regarding information received and provisional arrangements made to date.

Following discussion it was agreed that the event should be scaled back from that initially envisaged and further arrangements deferred pending the appointment of the Council's Events Officer.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that

- i) The hire of a cinema screen not be progressed.
- ii) The hire of a field kitchen not be progressed.
- iii) Further consideration be given to the hire of a marquee and stage and entertainment potentially based therein.

## **31. SKATE EVENT**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider the potential of organising a skate event in the Town Park in 2020, similar to the one which took place in 2019.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that

- i) A skate event be arranged for a suitable date in May 2020.
- ii) The event should follow a similar format and attractions to the one which took place in 2019.

### **32. SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS SURVEY RESULTS**

A report prepared by the former Leisure and Environment Assistant was submitted to inform members of the results of the survey form from the Senior Citizens' Excursions.

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

### **33. FUN-IN-THE-PARKS UPDATE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updated members on the Fun-in-the-Parks events.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that

- i) Suitable acts and equipment be booked for next year's Fun-in-the-Parks where required.
- ii) Preparations be made for a similar event to be held inside the Sports Complex in February.

**CHAIRMAN**