

## **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on **TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020** at **6.00 p.m.**

### **PRESENT**

**Councillor M. Iveson** (Chairman) and  
M. Ashcroft, Derek G. Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, B.A. Clare, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Mrs S.J. Iveson and Paul Symons

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor R.S. Fleming

### **OFFICERS**

Mr D. Austin (Finance Manager)  
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)  
Mrs J. Thexton (Head of Leisure and Events)  
Miss B. Mason (Clerical/Events Assistant)

### **59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Mrs M. Dalton.

### **60. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

### **61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **62. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### **63. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Derek G. Atkinson, and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020, be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **64. SANTA TOURS**

The Head of Leisure and Events submitted a report updating members with regard to the organisation of the Council's Santa Tours on Christmas Eve.

It was agreed that it was important to provide a Christmas event for the residents of Great Aycliffe, particularly the children, within the constraints of Covid-19 government and public health restrictions.

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

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Officers continue to make preparations for the Santa Tours pending any announcement of further government restrictions and legislation, and local police advice.
- iii) Officers explore the possibility of engaging a professional organisation to provide a virtual Santa's grotto, with children's letters to Santa read out, either live-streamed or recorded, at the Council Offices or Oakleaf Sports Complex.
- iv) Officers investigate the possibility of the Council providing a personalised medal to accompany replies to children's Santa Letters.

#### **65. REMEMBRANCE DAY – 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 - UPDATE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report updating members regarding arrangements for Remembrance Day, due to be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, and the service in the Town Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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

- i) The report and information regarding the arrangements, as agreed by the various event partners, be received.
- ii) Members note that Remembrance Day arrangements could be cancelled if the government enacted further restrictions or lockdown measures.

**Chairman**