

RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and virtually, on **WEDNESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER 2020** at **7.40p.m.**

PRESENT

Councillor Jed Hillary (Chairman) and
Councillors Eddy Adam, M Ashcroft, Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, I Gray, Dave Hardaker, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs S.J. Iveson, Mrs V.M. Raw, Ken Robson and Paul Symons

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Michael Stead

OFFICERS

Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mrs J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Mr D. Austin (Finance Manager)
Mr L. Williams (Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator)
Mr S. Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B. Hall.

116. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

118. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

119. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor George C. Gray, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft, and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee, held on the 14th October 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

120. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the six-week period ended 15th November 2020. It was noted that the golf course and driving range were closed from 5th November 2020 following the latest Covid-19 restrictions.

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

121. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

The Head of Leisure and Events submitted a report updating members on current usage of the Sports Complex. It was noted that the Sports Complex was closed from 5th November following the latest Covid-19 restrictions.

A verbal update was also given regarding preparations and arrangements for the forthcoming Santa Tours and Santa Letters.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report and information be received.

122. PARKS UPDATE

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report updating members on items relating to the parks.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report and information be received.

123. SAFETY SURFACING

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report regarding options for the improvement of safety surfacing within the Council's play areas.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) A quotation from RTC for £8,308 to complete the overlay of the infant play area within St Oswald's Park be accepted.

124. DRAFT RECREATION BUDGETS 2021/22

The Finance Manager submitted a report presenting for Members' consideration, comments and approval, the draft 2021/22 Revenue and Capital Budgets for the Recreation Committee.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The draft 2021/22 Recreation Revenue and Capital Budgets be agreed.

CHAIRMAN.