

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 at 10.00 p.m.**

### PRESENT

**Councillor Carl Robinson** (Chairman) and:  
Councillors Eddy Adam, Martin Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Arun M. Chandran, Barbara A. Clare, John D. Clare, Neil Collinson, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Mrs Sandra Haigh, Brian Hall, Dave Hardaker, Phillip Hawkins, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, John Moore, Ken Robson, Maureen Shelton, and Michael Stead

### OFFICERS

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

### 16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Armstrong, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman and John Clark.

### 17. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

### 18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 19. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

### 20. MINUTES

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

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 21. EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Bob Fleming, seconded by Councillor Arun M. Chandran and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the recommendation under Item 9, that a grant of £1,000 be made to Neville Community Association, towards the cost of an event in the town centre on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021, being rescinded and referred to the Policy and Resources Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 for approval, due to the proposer and seconder having declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item.

## 22. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the eight-week period ended 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

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

## 23. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

The Head of Leisure and Events submitted a report to update members on the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for the six weeks ended 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

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

## 24. PARKS UPDATE

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

Following a question from Councillor Eddy Adam raising concerns about the safety of staff when working alone, it was proposed by Councillor Jed Hillary, seconded by Councillor Jim Atkinson and

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

- i) The report and information be received.
- ii) Officers consider the feasibility of body-worn cameras for lone workers.
- iii) Officers investigate the possibility of CCTV camera coverage for West Park.
- iv) Officers review the Council's Lone Working Policy.

## 25. ALLOCATION OF FOOTBALL PITCHES

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report updating members on football pitch allocation for the 2021/22 season.

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

## 26. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Neil Collinson submitted the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Ian Gray:

*“That the Council undertake a feasibility study into creating a community dog park within Newton Aycliffe, this would have many environmental and wellbeing benefits to our community”.*

Councillor Arun Chandran proposed the following amendment, seconded by Councillor Bob Fleming:

*“That the Council undertake a feasibility study into creating a community dog park within Newton Aycliffe”.*

A vote was taken, and the amendment was carried by 13 votes to 10.

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion, and this was carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN.**