

RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2022 at 8.45pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Carl Robinson (Chairman) and:
Councillors, Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Sandra Haigh, Andy Hill, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, John Moore, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward

OFFICERS

Mr Dan Austin (Town Clerk)
Miss Amanda Donald (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mr Steve Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Mr Lee Williams (Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator)
Mr Andy Clark (Sports Complex Manager)
Mrs Judith Thexton (Head of Leisure and Events)
Mrs Julie Walton (Corporate Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Brian Haigh

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lindsey Aston, Jim Atkinson, Phillip Hawkins and Ken Robson.

31. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

33. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

34. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Andy Hill, and:

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee, held on the 13th July 2022, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Vice Chairman, Councillor George Gray, took the chair for the following item.

35. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

The Head of Leisure and Events and Golf Administrator submitted a report and statistical information related to income at the Oakleaf Golf Complex for the eight-week period ended 28th August 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Arun M Chandran and seconded by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) that the report be received.

Councillor Carl Robinson resumed his role as Chairman.

36. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX USAGE COMPARISONS

The Sports Complex Manager submitted a report updating members on statistical information in relation to the attendance and income at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for June and July compared with the last five years.

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Arun M Chandran and:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) that the report be received.

37. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Sports Complex Manager submitted a report updating members on events and staff training held in the period since the last Recreation Committee Meeting, events planned over the coming months and an update on the bar tender process and timetable.

Councillor Tony Armstrong requested that the Sports Complex Manager investigate opportunities for more corporate usage of the facility.

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Andy Hill and:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) The Sports Complex Manager and his staff be thanked for their work on the various new developments and events.
- iii) that the request for the K9 pursuits event to return in 2023 be agreed.
- iv) that the request for AJX Academy to book the facilities during the Christmas holidays be agreed.

38. SPORTS COMPLEX EXCLUSION REPORT

The Corporate Management Team Submitted a report to provide Members with information regarding a recent incident in the Sports Complex, which warranted action being taken under the Council's Exclusion Policy.

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Arun M Chandran and:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) that the report be received.
- ii) that the exclusion be endorsed for four weeks.

39. PARKS UPDATE

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

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft and seconded by Councillor Arun M Chandran and:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) the report be received.

CHAIRMAN.