

RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2023 at 7.15pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Carl Robinson (Chairman) and:
Councillors, Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Arun M Chandran, John Clark, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, John Moore, Ken Robson and Michael Stead.

OFFICERS

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Four members of the public from Middridge Parish

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lindsey Aston, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman, Neil Collinson, Brian Haigh, Sandra Haigh, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Sandra Kirkby, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.

65. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

67. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

68. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft, seconded by Councillor Ken Robson and:

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee, held on the 30th November 2022, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor George Gray took the chair for the following agenda item.

58. 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 six-week period ended 1st January 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Arun Chandran, seconded by Councillor Ken Robson, and:

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- a) the report be received.
- b) a town wide charity golf competition be organised in 2023 in partnership with the Oak Leaf Golf Club.
- c) course courtesy be agreed on the date and that Council funds a £400 prize fund which is offered as vouchers to spend in the golf shop.
- d) there should be a fee of £5 per team with the proceeds going to the Mayor's Charity.
- e) the competition should be linked to the 75th Anniversary of Newton Aycliffe, and the tournament be named the 'Aycliffe 75 Charity Golf Competition' with a plaque engraved with the name of the winner, to be placed on the wall in the shop and an engraved pen given as a prize for each member of the winning team at an additional cost of £100.
- f) Fourball vouchers should be issued to the 42 affiliated golf clubs in Co Durham and fourball vouchers then be issued on an annual basis as a standard arrangement.

Councillor Carl Robinson returned to the chair.

59. 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 October compared with the last five years.

Councillor Martin Ashcroft thanked the Sports Complex Manager for the report and expressed his gratitude for all the hard work and the improvements made in all areas of the Sports Complex.

It was proposed by Councillor Arun Chandran and seconded by Councillor Ken Robson and:

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

60. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Sports Complex Manager submitted a report to provide Members with information in relation to current and proposed usage at the Centre.

Councillor Arun Chandran passed on the sentiments of Councillor Peter Bergg who wished to thank the Sports Complex Manager and all staff for the new developments in the Sports Complex. Councillor Tony Armstrong also congratulated the Sports Complex staff for the improvements.

It was proposed by Councillor Arun Chandran, seconded by Councillor Ken Robson and:

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) the report be received.

61. PARKS UPDATE REPORT

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report to bring members up to date with items relating to the parks.

Councillor Arun Chandran thanked the officer for the comprehensive update.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) the report be received.

62. SPORTS COMPLEX EXCLUSION

Members considered the report from the Corporate Management Team regarding a recent incident in the Sports Complex, which warranted action being taken under the Council's Exclusion Policy.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) the report be received
- ii) members endorse the Sports Complex exclusion for four weeks

CHAIRMAN.