

10th January 2024

RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2024 at 7pm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held on Wednesday, 17th January 2024 at 7pm in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

5. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 29th November 2023 (previously circulated).

6. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

... To consider the attached report from the Head of Leisure and Events for the seven weeks ended the 6th January 2024.

7. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX USAGE COMPARISONS

. . . To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager setting out the Sports Complex usage comparisons for November and December.

8. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS

. . . To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager.

9. PARKS UPDATE

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following motion from Councillor George Gray, seconded by Councillor Ken Robson:

“At West Park, the Council currently have two picnic tables that are approximately ten yards apart from each other.

I would like to request that in order to make the picnic table more accessible to wheelchair users it is moved more towards the car park area so that it is easier for disabled people to use without having to travel too far from their car/vehicle.

We do have people that visit this park regularly that require assistance such as this, and moving the bench closer to the local car park would certainly make it far more accessible and therefore benefit the elderly and wheelchair users to take advantage of this facility”.

(A briefing note and map will be supplied showing the current location of the picnic table and the proposed relocation along with some comments from officers in relation to the proposal, and any feedback from local residents, for Members' information).

Members are requested, during Council Meetings, to observe the Council's Standing Orders relating to the Business and Proceedings of the Council, with particular reference to the Rules of Debate, as well as the Members' Code of Conduct and the principles of Civility and Respect Pledge

Any questions or queries on agenda items or reports should be raised with officers before meetings by telephone or email.

Please note that this does not preclude members from asking the question at the meeting if this is important to the debate or decision.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jim Atkinson, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Neil Collinson, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Sandra Haigh, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Simon Hocking, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Sandra Kirby, Brian McAnaney, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Anita Sparrow, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.