

RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025

(as part of the Annual General Meeting)

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 14th May 2025.

PRESENT Councillors Tunde Akinsanya, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jaci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, Lisa Conners, Neil Collinson, Luke Ellis, Jordan Gill, George Gray, Phil Hawkins, Andy Hill, Richard Hutchinson, Sandra Kirby, Jacqui McFadden, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Ken Robson, Brian Sowerby, Michael Stead, Tracey Williams, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.

OFFICIALS Mr. Dan Austin (Town Clerk)
Mrs. Tracey Woodhead (Finance Manager)
Miss. Amanda Donald (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mrs. Sharna Stretch (Senior Administrative Officer)
Mrs. Vikki Anderson (Corporate Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE Three members of the public.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Neil Collinson and seconded by Councillor Andy Hill, that Councillor John Moore be nominated as Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

RESOLVED – that Councillor John Moore be appointed Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

Councillor John Moore took the Chair for the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Ashcroft, and seconded by Councillor Michael Stead, that Councillor Tony Beddard be nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

It was further proposed by Councillor Lindsey Aston and seconded by Councillor Sandra Kirby, that Councillor John Woodward be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

A vote took place with the following results:

Councillor Tony Beddard - 17 votes
Councillor John Woodward - 8 votes

RESOLVED – that Councillor Tony Beddard be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Haigh.

4. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

There had been no applications for dispensations.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Recreation Committee considered the appointment of members to the following Sub Committee and Working Group:

- (a) Golf Working Group
- (b) Events Sub-Committee

RESOLVED – as follows:

(a) Golf Working Group

- (i) That a Golf Working Group be appointed for the Municipal Year 2025/26.
- (ii) That the Golf Working Group comprise of 11 members plus the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Recreation Committee.
- (iii) That the membership be:

Councillors: Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Jacci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Arun Chandran, Neil Collinson, Lisa Conners, Luke Ellis, George Gray, Jackie McFadden, John Moore, Kyle Robinson and Michael Stead

- (iv) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Golf Working Group for the Municipal Year 2025/26 be appointed at its first meeting.

(b) Events Sub Committee

- (i) That an Events Sub-Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2025/2026.
- (ii) That the Events Sub-Committee comprise of 16 members plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio members.
- (iii) That the membership be:

Councillors: Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Jaci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Arun M. Chandran, Lisa Conners, Neil Collinson, Luke Ellis, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Richard Hutchinson, Sandra Kirby, Jackie McFadden, Carl Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Ken Robson, Anne Woodward and John Woodward
- (iv) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Events Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26 be appointed at its first meeting.

CHAIRMAN