

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **6th SEPTEMBER 2017** at **7.47 pm**.

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors Eddy Adam, M Ashcroft, Derek G Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P J Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs D Bowman, Arun M Chandran, B A Clare, J D Clare, R S Fleming, George C Gray, I Gray, B Hall, Dave Hardaker, Kate Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs SJ Iveson, Mrs V M Raw, Ken Robson and Sally Symons.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Paul Symons

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance Service Coordinator)
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Miss A J Donald (Town Clerk's PA)

34. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Clark, Mrs S Haigh, Jed Hillary and Wendy Hillary.

35. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

36. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

37. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

38. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor M Ashcroft and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meetings of the Recreation Committee, held on the 12th July 2017, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. **GOLF WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Golf Working Group, held on the 9th August 2017, were considered:

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor M Iveson and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the notes and recommendations of the meeting on the 9th August 2017 be received:

- i) The Town Clerk provides an appropriate licence for golf coaching at the Oakleaf Golf Complex to be provided by Mr R Givens and associate.
- ii) The Town Clerk agrees appropriate terms and conditions.
- iii) Mr Dilley be approached should Mr Givens not take up the offer of coaching.
- iv) Suitable advertising be undertaken to promote Mr Givens' services.

40. **NEW GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW**

Members received a presentation from potential organisers of this event. This was followed by a number of questions to the organisers from Members. The organisers were advised to complete the required event application form with as many details as possible, to enable officers to prepare a report for further consideration by Members at the next Recreation Committee.

RESOLVED – that the matter be given further consideration upon receipt of a completed application form.

41. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report for the period ending 27th August 2017. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2015 and 2016. The report also gave information on recent events and competitions and retail sales from the shop for the sale of drinks, snacks and golf sundries.

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

(Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp left the meeting at this point).

42. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the period ending 27th August 2017. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2016.

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

43. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updating Members on the Fun in the Parks events which had taken place throughout the summer. The report also advised Members of two requests which had been received from local organisations.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Darlington Video Makers' Club be granted permission to attend and take video footage of the Town Council's Fireworks Display.

- iii) A request be made to use the video footage on the Town Council's website.
- iv) Sedgefield Schools' Sports Partnership be given permission to use the outdoor facilities at the Oakleaf Sports Complex for Year 3-4 sports skills events on 5th and 12th July 2018.
- v) Sedgefield Schools' Sports Partnership be given permission to use the inside and outside space at the Oakleaf Sports Complex for the Secondary Olympics on 15th June 2018.
- vi) Formal thanks to the Leisure Manager and support staff for their work organising the Fun in the Parks events.

(Councillor Derek G Atkinson left the meeting at this point).

44. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which detailed the checks, maintenance and repairs carried out in the parks.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Officers purchase and install three suitable signs informing visitors to the park of appropriate food to give to wildfowl.

45. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS**

The Leisure and Environment Officer submitted a report requesting Members to consider the Senior Citizens' Excursions for 2018.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The areas to be visited be Lakes, North Yorkshire, Scottish Borders, Northumberland, Blackpool and South Shields.
- iii) That costs be ascertained for including a visit to the North York Moors Steam Railway as part of the North Yorkshire excursion.

46. **DRIVING RANGE OUTFIELD LIGHTING**

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report requesting Members to consider the options for replacing the outfield lighting on the Oakleaf Driving Range.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The quotation of £7,812.83 from Thorn (Zumbotel Group) be accepted.

47. **DRIVING RANGE UNDER CANOPY LIGHTING**

The Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator submitted a report requesting Members to consider the options for replacing the canopy lighting on the Oakleaf Driving Range.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The quotation of £912.20 from Upex Electrical for the supply of electrical fittings be accepted.
- iii) The installation works be undertaken by Town Council staff.

CHAIRMAN.