

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2010** at **7.50 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and
Councillors S Bambridge, W M Blenkinsopp, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, W Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P Ducker, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J Gray, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs E M Paylor, Mrs V M Raw and A Warburton

OFFICIALS Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk).
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)
Mr D. Austin (Finance Manager)

44. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Bowman, T Hogan and Mrs A Palmer.

45. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

46. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

47. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the **20th October 2010** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48. **SHOW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Show Working Group held on the **22nd November 2010** were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S J Iveson, seconded by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp and

RESOLVED - that the notes and the following recommendations of the Show Working Group held on **22nd November 2010** be agreed:

2011 Show

- i) That Punch and Judy with Face Painting by B & M Llewellyn be booked at a cost of £650.
- ii) That the Waterwalkerz Activity be booked at a cost of £600 from A F Leisure.
- iii) That the Waterwalkerz Activity be free to the public.
- iv) That Dawn of Chivalry be asked to attend at a cost of £650.00.
- v) That the cost of VERA's attendance be obtained.
- vi) That the cost and availability of a magician/balloon modeller be obtained.
- vii) That the services of a second face painter not be sought.
- viii) That the stage from Durham County Council be booked at a cost of £950.00

49. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 21st November 2010. The report gave comparative income statistics for the same period in 2009.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received

50. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 21st November 2010. The report gave statistical information regarding attendance and income at the complex for October 2010 compared with October 2009.

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

51. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider adopting the Challenge 21 Scheme.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received
- ii) that the Challenge 21 Scheme be adopted

52. OUTSIDE EVENTS

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which advised members that the Santa Post Boxes were to be put out in the Parish.

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave further information and cost implications due to the cancellation of the annual Fireworks Display in 2010 because of the fire on Aycliffe Industrial Park.

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

53. **PARKS AND PLAYING FIELDS**

The Works Manager submitted a report which updated members on the progress of the refurbishment of the play area at School Aycliffe.

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

54. **PROVISION OF PICNIC BENCHES**

The Environment Officer submitted a report which provided information regarding an opportunity for additional picnic tables to be provided in several of the Town's Parks.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- i) that the report be received
- ii) that funding be sought from GAMP
- iii) that picnic tables of a suitable quality be purchased if funding is agreed
- iv) that officers identify suitable locations to minimise effect on local residents

55. **YOUTH SHELTER**

Members considered correspondence received from a resident near to the location of Horndale Youth Shelter.

RESOLVED –that it be recommended

- i. that the letter be received
- ii. that the matter be raised at the police liaison meetings
- iii. that the Parks Patrol be instructed to increase patrols in that area
- iv. that officers monitor the situation during the next six months
- v. that officers advise the resident of the proposed actions to be taken.

CHAIRMAN.