

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011** at **8.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT** **Councillor B Hall** (Chairman) and  
Councillors W Blenkinsopp, T R Bowman, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, W Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P Ducker, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J Gray, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, T Hogan, 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)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

79. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Bowman and R S Fleming.

80. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

81. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

82. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor V Crosby, seconded by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83. **GOLF WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor J D Clare, seconded by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp and

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the notes and the following recommendations of the Golf Course Working Group held on **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011** be agreed:-

- i. that the 9<sup>th</sup> medal tee be not reopened for competition play
- ii. clarification be sought regarding the issue of golf club memberships not linked to the purchase of a season ticket.
- iii. the present alternative Saturday and Sunday Club Tee Time concession remain as agreed previously.

84. **OAK LEAF GOLF COMPLEX**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted a report which showed the income comparisons from green fees and the driving range. The Golf Professional advised on coaching courses and a forthcoming demo day.

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

85. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave comparative information for February 2011 compared with the same period in February 2010.

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

86. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ending 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011. The report gave information regarding refurbishment of public toilets and energy compliance.

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

87. **SECTION 106 MONIES – SANDERSON CLOSE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which advised members of the outcome of Durham County Council's consideration of this Council's comments regarding the use of the Section 106 monies.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

1. the report be received
2. the use of Section 106 monies be used for the provision of a segregated toddler play area within the Town Park.
3. consideration of match funding of £23,800 to be added to the Section 106 monies be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.

88. **BYERLEY PARK PLAY AREA**

The Town Clerk submitted a report requesting members to confirm the budget proposal to improve the play area at Byerley Park.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

1. the report be received
2. the capital expenditure proposal and commencement of process of consultation and provision be agreed.
3. the design proposals to take account of waterlogging of the site be considered at a future meeting.

89. **OUTSIDE EVENTS REPORT – 10K RUN**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which requested members to agree to Aycliffe Athletics Club using the Lorry Park and field behind the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for vehicle parking for the 10k Run and Fun Run.

The Leisure Manager also advised of additional requirements for the event. Aycliffe Athletics Club had requested:

1. that the table tennis area be used as a presentation area
2. an area, possibly in the foyer for officials to book runners in on arrival.

The cost of hire for the facilities plus additional staff time had been costed at £61.00.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

1. the report be received
2. subject to the conditions imposed by Durham County Council's Safety Advisory Group, Highways regulations and points outlined in the report:
  - a. the lorry park be closed during the day of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011
  - b. the field behind the Oak Leaf Sports Complex be used for event parking.
  - c. Use of additional facilities outlined above be approved.

**CHAIRMAN.**