

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2012 at 7.50 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor B Hall (Chairman)** and
Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, P. Gittins, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, K. Henderson, Mrs. W.P. Hilliary, Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.

OFFICIALS Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)
Mr. S. Cooper (Environment Officer)
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin Officer)

28. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors W. Curtis and Mrs. E.M. Paylor and Mr. N. Whinham (Golf Professional).

29. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of personal interests were submitted from Councillors M. Iveson and Mrs. S.J. Iveson on Agenda Item No. 10(a) (Parks Report) as they are members of the Moore Lane Sports Club.

30. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

31. **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 **4th July 2012** be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. **SHOW WORKING GROUP**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Show Working Group held on the **30th July 2012** were considered.

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

RESOLVED – That it be recommended that the notes and the following recommendations from the Show Working Group be agreed:-

- (i) That Kings Café submission of £700 be accepted for the Ice Cream Franchise for 2012.
- (ii) That a further professional act be booked for the playhouse if necessary.
- (iii) That the rules for stands be changed to permit organisations to give out sweets as prizes.
- (iv) That no further artistes be booked for the 2013 Show due to the pending potential changes to the Council's finances.

33. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted their report for the nine weeks ended the 26th August 2012. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding period in 2011. The report also gave information on the weather conditions affecting the golf course and listed hole closures. The Golf Professional gave information on a Wilson Demo Day together with details of Coaching which was being set up.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the nine weeks ended the 26th August 2012. The report compared usage figures and income from the same period in 2011.

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

35. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX REPORT**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report to update members on activities which had taken place at the Oakleaf Complex.

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

36. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager and Leisure and Environment Assistant had submitted a report setting out information in connection with the 'Fun in the Parks', 'Firework Display' and 'Great Aycliffe Show'. The newly tarmaced track had been well received for access to the Show.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the thanks of the Council be recorded to the Staff and Show Working Group on the excellent Show despite the inclement weather conditions.
- (iii) That the congratulations of the Council be recorded to the Staff who undertook the 'Fun in the Parks' for the quality of the events which were held in the extreme weather conditions.

37. **PARKS REPORT**

Declarations of personal interests were submitted from Councillors M. Iveson and Mrs. S.J. Iveson on Item (a) (Moore Lane Sports Club) as they are members of the Moore Lane Sports Club, however, they remained in the meeting during the discussion thereon.

The Town Clerk and Works Manager had submitted a report for members to consider the following issues / requests in connection with various parks in the Council's ownership:

(a) Moore Lane Park

Possible assistance with the provision of car parking to assist Moore Lane Sports Club.

(b) Town Park - Extension to Park Opening Hours

Request by the Police to assist with anti-social behaviour taking place in Tesco Car Park and the surrounding area.

(c) Town Park – Skate Park

Project to increase the equipment via. funding from GAMP.

(d) Horndale Park

Request to provide insurance / maintenance following the installation of a MUGA on Durham County Council land, involving potential land transfer or lease.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

(i) That the report be received.

(ii) (a) Moore Lane Car Parking

- That permission be granted for the use of the marked portion of land for over-spill parking on League Match Days.
- That Moore Lane Club provide Wardens to assist with the traffic on match days.
- That Moore Lane Club approach D.C.C. who own the Lane running to the parking area to have this area upgraded.

(b) Town Park – Extension to Park Opening Hours

- That the proposal of extending the hours to assist Tesco and the surrounding area with anti-social behaviour be not acceded to, however, the opening hours of the park should have conformity and be set as follows:

Winter Times	Closed at 8.00 p.m. – 7 days per week
Summer Times	Closed at 9.00 p.m. – 7 days per week.

- That a letter be forwarded to Tesco asking them to resolve the issue of cars being driven dangerously in their car park on an evening.

(c) Town Park – Skate Park

That the application for funding to increase the Skate Park equipment by GAMP (AAP) be accepted and thanks be recorded.

(d) Horndale Park

That the information in connection with the MUGA at Horndale Park be received pending a formal proposal being submitted from the proposers to the next meeting of the Recreation Committee.

CHAIRMAN.