

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018** at **7.55 pm**.

**PRESENT:** **Councillor Jed Hillary** (Chairman) and  
Councillors Eddy Adam, M Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Derek G Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, Mrs D Bowman, Arun M Chandran, J D Clare, J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, R S Fleming, I Gray, George C Gray, Mrs S Haigh, Dave Hardaker, K Henderson, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, Ken Robson and Sally Symons

**OFFICIALS:** Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Works and Environment Manager)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor P Symons

79. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P J Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, B A Clare, and B Hall.

80. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

81. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

82. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

83. **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP**

The notes and recommendations of the Festival Working Group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were considered.

- a) The report be received.
- b) The ice rink proposal not be progressed.

- c) A further meeting be arranged with Mr B Haldane to discuss alternative Town Centre entertainment.
- d) The application from Ocean be agreed, together with a grant of £500.
- e) It be noted that Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club would arrange a youth football tournament.
- f) Durham County Council be asked to submit details of the enhanced Durham Brass event, as well as costs for the additional activities.
- g) Durham County Council be advised of the Woodham School jazz band to ascertain if it is appropriate and feasible to join in the Durham Brass event.

It was proposed by Councillor A M Chandran, seconded by Councillor M Ashcroft, and

**RESOLVED** - that the notes of the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

The Town Clerk and Golf Administrator submitted a report for the period ending 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The report gave comparisons of income from the corresponding periods in 2016 and 2017, and income and expenditure from shop sales.

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

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

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which detailed the income and usage for the period ending 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the same comparable period in 2017.

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

87. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of quotations received for the installation of air conditioning in the Function Room and requested members to allow officers to proceed with the planned work.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended

- a) That the report be received.
- b) The installation of air conditioning and associated electrical installation proceed.
- c) Officers explore whether the electricity supply can be installed in house and certified by a registered electrician.

88. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure Manager and Works and Environment Manager submitted a report on the Santa Tours and Christmas Lighting.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended

- a) That the report be received.
- b) A special meeting of the Recreation Committee with all members invited be arranged to discuss the Santa Tours.

89. **PARKS UPDATE**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which gave information of a meeting held with the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water and the Tees River Partnership regarding West Park Lakes. The report also advised of anti-social problems in the parks and maintenance of various play equipment which had been undertaken.

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

90. **COBBLERS HALL PLAY AREA**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report which brought members up to date with the consultations for the play area and consider the public's preferred option of the KOMPAN plan.

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

- a) The letter be received.
- b) Officers proceed with the KOMPAN option.

91. **NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM**

Members were requested to receive a letter from Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club who had offered to purchase and maintain a defibrillator at School Aycliffe for their own and community use.

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

- a) The report be received.
- b) Permission be granted for NAYFC to install a defibrillator adjacent to the changing rooms at School Aycliffe.

92. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

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

**RESOLVED** – that in view of the confidential nature of the business that being consideration of an application from a company for the use of Council property and the associated commercial terms and conditions applicable about to be considered it was, in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

**Councillor Paul Symons left the meeting at this point.**

93. **NEW AYCLIFFE SHOW**

The Town Clerk submitted an event application form as received from Great Aycliffe Events Limited, together with a report to provide information to enable members to fully consider a request for the commercial use of Council land at the Oakleaf Sports Complex fields and surrounding areas. The report also requested the Committee to consider the terms and conditions for the use of the Council's property and applicable charges.

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

- a) The report be received.
- b) The application from Great Aycliffe Events Limited to use the Oakleaf Sports Complex and surrounding areas for a commercial event on Council property be refused.

**CHAIRMAN.**