

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 at 6.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT** **Councillor M Iveson (Chairman)** and  
Councillors M Ashcroft, Kathy Beetham, Bill Blenkinsopp,  
J Clark, Mrs M Dalton, B Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary and  
Paul Symons

**OFFICERS** Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)

12. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

13. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensations had been received.

14. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

15. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

16. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor M. Ashcroft and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record

17. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which gave an analysis of the customer survey forms and preferred destinations for 2019. Additionally the report asked members to consider which areas should be visited in 2019 for Senior Citizens Excursions.

Councillor Hardaker left the meeting during the discussions.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The venues for 2019 be:-
  - (a) Scarborough
  - (b) Keswick
  - (c) Northumberland
  - (d) Scottish Borders
  - (e) Blackpool
  - (f) South Shields

- (iii) Officers bring possible itineraries for the above destinations to the next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee.

#### 18. **FESTIVAL FAIRGROUND**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which advised members of a complaint from a resident regarding the unauthorised use of water by the fairground and the parking problems arising from the event.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) Officers liaise with Newton Aycliffe Sports Club to avoid possible duplication of events to reduce the effects of parking.
- (iii) Increased direction signage for parking be placed near the event.
- (iv) The land adjacent to Moore Lane Park be coned to prevent cars blocking access to the arranged parking area.
- (v) A letter be sent to the complainant advising of the measures to be put in place for future Festival events.

#### 19. **SEDGEFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP**

The Leisure Manager's report advised of a request from the Sedgefield Schools' Partnership to use the outdoor facilities at the Oakleaf Sports Complex for Sports Skills events on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) Sedgefield Schools' Partnership be permitted to use the outdoor facilities and pavilion at School Aycliffe Playing Fields.

#### 20. **FIREWORK UPDATE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which advised of the progress in the planning of the Firework Display and asked members to consider the request from Aycliffe Radio to become involved with the Event.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The Officers contact Aycliffe Radio to ascertain the extent of the proposed involvement.
- (iii) A suitable beacon be available for use prior to the display in 2018.

#### 21. **FUN IN THE PARKS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for information regarding the various Fun in the Parks events that had been held.

**RESOLVED** - it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The Officers be thanked for their efforts in organising the events.
- (iii) The Officers submit a cost breakdown for individual Fun in the Park events to the next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee.
- (iv) Members consider the type of activities to be provided at the events next year and bring suggestions to the next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee.
- (v) Officers consider the type of event and activities suitable for the constrained area at Horndale Park and report back to the Events Sub-Committee.
- (vi) Officers obtain costs for crowd control barriers to secure the boundary of the event site from Greenfield Way.

**CHAIRMAN**