

## EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **MONDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020** at **6.00 p.m.**

### PRESENT

**Councillor M. Ashcroft** (Chairman) and  
Kathy Beetham, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs M. Dalton, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary and Wendy Hillary

### OFFICERS

Mr A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Miss A. Donald (Town Clerk's PA)  
Mrs J. Thexton (Leisure Manager)

### 34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Derek G. Atkinson and Paul Symons.

### 35. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

### 36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 37. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

### 38. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor B. Hall, and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Events Sub-Committee, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019, be confirmed as a correct record.

### 39. SKATE EVENT

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report updating members regarding the Skate Event in the Town Park in May 2020.

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

### 40. SANTA TOURS UPDATE

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updating members on the Santa Tours.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Trackers be purchased to enable progress to be monitored on each route, at a total cost of £330.
- iii) Costs be obtained for the possibility of fitting dashcams to the Santa vehicles.

#### **41. FUN-IN-THE-PARKS UPDATE**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updating members on the Fun-in-the-Parks programme for 2020.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Crazy Golf be introduced to the 24<sup>th</sup> July event at a cost of £250.
- iii) The Fun-in-the-Parks 2020 schedule be approved.

#### **42. FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report updating members with planning for the 2020 Fireworks Display.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Aycliffe Radio be invited to attend the Fireworks Display with a similar, low-key, set-up to that arranged in previous years.
- iii) Aycliffe Radio be invited to be present at other appropriate Council events, where an enhanced provision could be arranged.

#### **43. SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider new booking arrangements for the administration of the Senior Citizens' Excursions in order to improve the process.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Amendments be made to the booking administration arrangements as per officers' recommendations.

#### **44. PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider holding a photography competition for Great Aycliffe.

Members were requested to pass ideas for the competition to officers.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Officers progress arrangements for a photography competition.

**45. AYCLIFFE BRASS FESTIVAL – GRANT FUNDING**

A request had been received from Durham County Council for grant funding towards the Aycliffe Brass Festival.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The request for grant funding be approved.
- ii) A grant of £6,000 be made to enable the event to take place in the Town Park.

**46. AYCLIFFE RADIO MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020 – GRANT FUNDING**

A request had been received for grant funding towards a live music festival, to be held in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre in June 2020.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The request for grant funding be approved.
- ii) A grant of £3,000 be made towards the event.

**47. AYCLIFFE VILLAGE VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – GRANT FUNDING**

A request had been received from Aycliffe Village Residents' Association for grant funding towards a children's event to be held on Aycliffe Village Green to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The request for grant funding be approved.
- ii) A grant of £250 be made towards the event.

**48. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report requesting members to consider holding a small VE Day celebration in the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) Arrangements for the event be approved.
- iii) An additional budget estimate of £1,275 for the event be approved.

**Chairman**