

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN**  
**THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 44 OLD STREET, ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**  
**AT 7.30 PM.**

**Present:** Councillor C Francis-Pester Committee Chairman  
 Councillor C Blades, B. Garner, C Hall, J Middleton, T Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, D Shopland, & C Wring  
 In Attendance – Cllr Knott  
 Guest – Mr John Flannigan NSC  
 Town Clerk – Ms P. Heath,

**Informal Session**

**Clevedon Promenade Park Project**

Mr Flannigan spoke on 2 items the first being the lottery bid to refurbish, enhance and utilise the sea front for wider community usage. A map showing the designated area between the Pier Copse and Wains Hill was circulated at the meeting. The details of the bid and the background work were explained as was the individual projects within the wider scheme. A working group including a representative from Clevedon Town Council, Civic Society, and Marlins along with various officers at North Somerset have been putting the bid together; the Town Clerk has also joined the group with a view of continuity over the next few months. A priority list has been agreed and depending on the level of funding will be implicated if the bid is successful.

1. General restoration/regeneration of the promenade looking at uniformity of the surfacing, lighting, benches; increase the planting of trees, and shrubs; improving the access to the sea front and its facilities.
2. Repair the Marine Lake Sea wall and the revitalising the Marine Lake
3. Construct or repair the Marlins current storage facility for an education centre including teaching room, toilets, shower facilities and storage.
4. Restore the bandstand
5. Enhance the Salthouse Field entrance of Old Church Road/Elton Road
6. Repair/enhance access to the Pier Copse
7. Improve the paved area by the Pier Entrance in conjunction with the Pier enhancement project.
8. Create a purpose built paddling pool and second slipway by the Marine Lake
9. Create a heritage feature in the area between the Skatepark and the Tennis Courts
10. Repair the slipway by the Pier.

Members were informed that the funding sought by the Curzon Cinema, and the Pier Enhancement was from a separate funding stream and would not effect or be affected by this bid. Initial enquiries with the HLF had proved positive. Members noted that the pier slipway was not in the Councils ownership except for the top section, which joined the wall. Any new slipway would be subject to a marine survey to ensure it had minimal effect on the environment.

**Green Spaces contract**

Details of the proposed changes to the contract directly effecting Clevedon were explained, the main visual impact being that the flower beds in Sunhill Park would no longer be maintained and the bedding on the sea front be changed from carpet bedding , requiring high maintenance, to normal and permanent planting. In response to a question members were informed that there would be approximately £3000 saving on the circular badge bed by the bandstand alone.

**Formal session**

**FGP 11/100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cotton (family commitment), Cllr Little (family commitment), and Cllr Watkins (family commitment)

**FGP 11/101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

**FGP 11/102 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and ratified by Council on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were accepted.

**FGP 11/103 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET SHEETS**

A copy of the financial spreadsheet was circulated with the agenda, discussed and noted.

**FGP 11/104 UPDATE ON THE GREEN SPACES CONTRACT AND FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEVEDON**

Members noted the comments made in the informal session

**FGP 11/105 UPDATE ON THE FUNDING BID FOR THE SEA FRONT REGENERATION**

Members noted the comments and details from the informal session

**FGP 11/106 RECEIVE THE INITIAL APPROACHES FOR GRANT FUNDING 2011/2012**

It was **AGREED** that the CAB and "The Barn" management Committees be invited to the next FGP Committee meeting to make the case for their funding bid.

**FGP 11/107 THE LOCALISM BILL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL**

Members were given a brief outline of the bill and noted that at the moment no guidelines or statutory notices giving the details had been released, once this had been done it was **AGREED** to hold a special meeting to discuss the implications and define the Council's policy; the meeting to be held after the May 5<sup>th</sup> elections.

**FGP 11/108 THE TIMING AND MEETINGS BETWEEN THE ELECTION AND THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING.**

The Town Clerk explained that the current Council ceases to exist at Midnight on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting of the Environment & Property Committee, which had been reassigned from the 4<sup>th</sup> May, would not be legal as the committee membership would not be agreed until 18<sup>th</sup> May and there would be insufficient notice for a committee meeting encapsulating all the council members to be called. There would also be a problem with the 11<sup>th</sup> May Planning meeting, as the committee would not be assigned although the meeting could be held with all council members present. Following a detailed discussion, it was **AGREED** that the 9<sup>th</sup> May Environment & Property Committee meeting would be changed to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The 11<sup>th</sup> May planning meeting would be cancelled.

**FGP 11/109 RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE RESIGNATION OF STANLEY VYCE**

Members received notification that Cllr Vyce had resigned as Clevedon Town Council Central Ward Councillor. As this is within 6 months of the normal election for the Town Council, no co-option or by-election would be held.

**FGP 11/110 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no Chairman's items for information

**FGP 11/111 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

There were no part 1 items

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The meeting finished at 8.17 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN ..... Date .....