

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 44 OLD STREET, ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**2011**  
**AT 7.30 PM.**

**Present:** Councillor C Francis-Pester Committee Chairman  
 Councillor, C. Blades, J Geldart, G Hill, J Middleton, T Morgan, A. Walker.  
 Town Clerk – Ms P. Heath,  
 In Attendance – Cllr L Knott.

**FGP 11/160 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors, C. Hall (other commitment), L Little (family commitment), J. Norton-Sealey (family commitment), D. Shopland (family commitment), C Wring (family commitment),

**FGP 11/161 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda

**FGP 11/162 DISCUSS THE PROPOSED IMPACT OF THE CHANGES TO MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS AS EXPLAINED AT THE MEETING ON 3RD AUGUST.; TO DECIDE ON FUTURE INVOLVEMENT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE FUNDING FOR 2012/2013 BUDGET.**

All members of the committee had been asked to visit each flowerbed location as listed in the document provided by John Flanagan with a view to see if the bed should be;- A) Filled in, B) Grassed over, C) Permanently planted, D) Taken over by CTC for bedding plants.

The Chairman explained that due to cuts within NSC there would be no bedding plants provided in North Somerset. The documentation, which had been circulated to all Committee members, showed the current beds as detailed under the horticultural contract held by NSC and what they are proposing the regime would be starting in April 2012. The Members expressed concern that the proposed amendments to the horticultural contract would not have the desired reduction to the overall budget of NSC. There was also concern that listing of the beds and their maintenance did not fully match the actual and that NSC were paying the contractors for work they did not actually do. It was stressed that all contracts by Clevedon Town Council would be managed by the Office with assistance of all Councillors acting as 'monitoring officers'. Members discussed special expenses and the need to monitor the costs allocated under this heading by NSC.

Members went through the list provided and agreed if the beds should be allocated under the criteria A) Filled in, B) Grassed over, C) Permanently planted, D) Taken over by CTC for bedding plants.

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| 1. The Beach Traffic Island   | C |
| 2. Seavale Road middle square | C |

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Subject to ratification by Council and Committee

- 3. Seavale Road Square nearest Roundabout C
- 4. Seavale Road Square furthest from Roundabout C
- 5. Little Harp Round Bed D
- 6. Sea front badge bed D
- 7. Bandstand D
- 8. Seafront steps from Salthouse to prom C
- 9. Hill Road/ Bellvue junction C
- 10. Clock Triangle Traffic Island C
- 11. Clevedon Triangle – 2 Tubs D
- 10 General D

Subject to identification of the location of the 10 general tubs and their state of repair. Members noted that some of the tubs are already being maintained by Clevedon Town Council.

- 12. Kenn Road/ Central/Southern Way roundabouts D
- 13. Hangstones near Victoria Road C
- 14. Wishing Well bed Salthouse Fields D
- 15. Alexandra Gardens – 2 at top of park C
- 16. Alexandra Gardens 4 Quadrant beds C

Members asked that the trees are pruned prior to the end of the current contract, and possible thinned to encourage strong growth. The top beds should be permanently planted with the rose beds grassed over, as the plants are old and in need of major maintenance work. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of enhanced planting and work during 2012 only as a project to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

- 17. Sailing dinghy by Club D
- 18. Pier Copse C
- 19. Sunhill Park 4 Quadrants B
- 20. Sunhill Park Circular Beds B

The Town Clerk would investigate the sponsorship of the beds with the relevant authorities and the business local to each bed.

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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