

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2011**

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs C Blades, E Blades, J Dagnall, L Knott, L Little, P McNeill,
T Morgan, N Pennycott, C Hall from 7.58 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr R Garner
Mrs Heather Reed Clevedon Community Association Fundraising Committee
(did not wish to speak)
Mr C Harrison- NSC CCTV Manager) informal business only
Mr R Currie – NSC Leisure & Client Manager)

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. NSC UPDATE

Mr Gareth Withers was unable to attend.

2. CLEVEDON CCTV TEA/11/14.1

Following the Committee's request for information on the review of CCTV in North Somerset as part of the funding restraints for NSC, Mr Harrison provided details of possible changes. The camera previously covering Marson Road car park has been removed as the NSC building to which it was attached is being sold. It is hoped to erect a replacement camera on a pole in the car park and link this camera to the Council's own fibre optic network which runs from the NSC building in Marson Road to the hub in Clevedon Library. In the process of doing this the existing cameras at Paper Planet and the Golden Grill would also be linked into the NSC network. This would result in a saving for these three cameras of £1500 as the present network is provided by BT and thereby a reduction in Clevedon special expenses. Cameras in Weston had already been linked to the NSC fibre optic network.

There would be a capital cost to this work - approximately £6,300. It was hoped that the NSC car park budget could provide part of the funding.

Councillors queried the following; (Mr Harrison's replies in italics).

- The effectiveness of the Marson Road car park. *Mr Harrison replied that this was difficult to gauge. The evidence provided by the cameras was contributory to arrests/prosecutions.*
- Where the hub would be sited should the library move premises. *When NSC property was sold in Nailsea the hub was sited on the pavement outside the building.*
- Whether the camera removed from the car park could be reused to save costs. *This would only save £250.*
- Would there still be a charge for the link from Clevedon to the Weston CCTV Monitoring Station? *Yes. It would appear this could not be moved to Castlewood in Clevedon.*
- Why the Police Authority in this area do not contribute to the CCTV cameras as they do in some areas. *Council tax payers would still be charged.*

Mr Harrison would provide a business plan for formal consideration and would be happy to answer any further queries.

3. STRODE LEISURE CENTRE

Mr Currie informed Members of plans to cap the playing fields with up to one metre of sub soil and top soil to enable full use of the pitches by junior football club (only two useable at present). This would provide flat, drained and durable sports pitches at minimal cost to NSC. The work would be carried out in sections to enable continued use by the club. The playing fields had been capped approximately five years ago and Mr Currie reported ground movement had slowed over this period.

A West Ward Town Councillor expressed concern about the use of HGV lorries and other vehicles involved in spreading the capping as this contaminated land site had restrictions as to its use. Mr Currie confirmed that the Environment Agency had inspected the land and were being consulted with regard to risk management. It was hoped to proceed with this work in the summer.

With regard to the current closure of the swimming pool, Mr Currie reported that a full survey of the lighting had been undertaken, new lighting sourced and ordered and work had started the previous day. It is anticipated the pool would be open again on 4 March 2011.

A West Ward Town Councillor asked about the life expectancy of the Sports Centre building. Mr Currie reported that the building is regularly surveyed and there are no imminent problems.

8.13 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/11/17 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

TEA/11/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

TEA/11/19 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

TEA/11/20 CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2010/11

A Member queried whether unused funding for Queens Square could be earmarked for the redecoration of the Queens Square toilets. The member was reminded that the toilets are not Town Council property. The Councillor hoped to obtain an estimate of the work to be done.

TEA/11/21 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;

21.1 NSC UPDATE – PROPOSALS FOR CLEVEDON SEAFRONT

The Committee Chairman reported that a submission had been made a few days ago to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This had been the result of a great deal of work by Mr Flanagan at NSC and local organisations in the town.

21.2 CLEVEDON CCTV

To formally consider this proposal when the business plan is available.

21.3 STRODE LEISURE CENTRE

It was felt that if the West Ward Councillor is still concerned he should discuss this matter further with Mr Currie.

TEA/11/22 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no items.

TEA/11/23 CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 – CHANGES TO DOG CONTROL LEGISLATION TEA/11/10

The NSC Environmental Health Officer had replied that;

- All footpaths are covered under the North Somerset Fouling of Land Order which applies to any public footpath or public right of way. This means anybody failing to pick up after their dog in these areas is guilty of an offence and if caught can be fined or prosecuted.
- Problems of signage for the Clevedon Beach Dog Exclusion Order have been addressed.
- The signage for the Marine Lake Order is being checked.
- There is now no dog control legislation along the Promenade in Clevedon as the old byelaw is no longer enforceable. Do the Town Council wish to consider a 'Dogs on Leads' order for the Promenade?

RESOLVED: To request;

1. No additional orders for the two public footpaths from Highdale Avenue to Highdale Road (discussed at the last meeting).
2. Provide additional signage to define the area of the Marine Lake Order.
3. Investigation of an all year 'Dogs on leads' order for the Clevedon Promenade. All inappropriate signage in connection with the past byelaw to be removed.
4. Clarification that there will be reasonable enforcement of the Clevedon seafront dog control orders.

Action : Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/11/24 CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL DOG BIN EMPTYING

The Committee considered a letter from Fountains to all Town and Parish Councils regarding changes in operating arrangements. It was felt that very few of either the Town Council or NSC dog bins were one foot off the ground.

RESOLVED: To obtain further information from NSC and Fountains.

Action : Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/11/25 FOOTPATHS/SPINE PATHS AND CYCLE WAYS

The Deputy Clerk had obtained a detailed map from NSC. It would appear there are no designated cycle paths in Clevedon.

RESOLVED: To inform Transform Clevedon that the map is available from NSC.

Action : Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/11/26 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members received a report of a recent meeting with the Christmas Lights Contractor. The Contractor has been asked to provide costings for 1) testing of the infrastructure in Triangle area including Old Street; 2) a new timer for the Village Hall and additional bulbs; 3) the erection, dismantling and maintenance during switch on and storage for both Hill Road and Triangle area lights for 2011/12.

POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR NEW LIGHTS IN THE TRIANGLE AREA. A scheme using the new street lights (as in Hill Road) for Kenn Road and Old Street is being prepared for consideration by the Committee.

RESOLVED: 1. To earmark the unspent sum of £3,284.29 allocated to Christmas Lights in the Committee budget for 2010/11 towards additional works/maintenance referred to above. To be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Action : Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/11/27 SOMERSET PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

The Committee considered an invitation to join this Association which is extending its operation to North Somerset. The Association is part of a countrywide network of County Playing Field Associations who work to help establish and sustain all types of recreation grounds for community benefit. Annual membership enables access to advice and assistance on a range of playing field and playground management matters.

RESOLVED: To take up annual membership at a cost of £10.

Action : Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/11/28 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 28.1 Community Association Cllr P McNeill – Recent meetings cancelled.
- 28.2 Curzon Cinema – Cllr J Dagnall had provided a report of the previous meeting. Cllr Blades had attended an open evening prior to this Committee meeting and urged other councillors to attend the next one on Friday 4 March 2011.
- 28.3 Strode Centre User Ctte Cllr Blades reported that the Duty Manager is compiling a list of user groups to be invited to a meeting.
- 28.4 N Som Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr T Morgan reported that the meeting had been cancelled.
- 28.5 Clevedon Civic Society Cllr C Wring – No report. The Society had helped with the Clevedon Seafront HLF application.
- 28.6 Clevedon Pier Trust - Cllr J Dagnall had provided a report of the previous meeting. It was felt that the present Pier Mistress is obtaining good publicity for the Pier.
- 28.7 Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte first Tuesday Ctte; Cllr L Knott – No sailing at present.
- 28.8 Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr C Hall invited members to the Twinning Dinner on Saturday 9th April 2011 at the Walton Park Hotel.
- 28.9 N Som CAB Cllr R Garner – No meeting.
- 28.10 Police & Communities Together Cllr P McNeill Meeting held the previous night. Concerns about the emptying of litter bins in the town. A weekend litter pick being planned. Police had undertaken cycle training at Clevedon School.

RESOLVED: To obtain litter bin emptying schedules for the town.

Action : Deputy Town Clerk

- 28.11 Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr L Little reported that the AGM will be held on 5th April 2011.
- 28.12 Clevedon Hospital Cllr R Garner. Next meeting on Monday 7 March 2011.
- 28.13 Community Sports Facilities Group (Swiss Valley Sports Centre) Cllr N Pennycott. No meeting. Clevedon School planning to take over running of Sports Centre from April provided some queries have been addressed by NSC. Still parking issues on Holly Lane. This is under consideration by the Transport & Highways Committee.

TEA/11/29 FOR INFORMATION The Committee received and noted;

29.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2010 AND JANUARY 2011

TEA 11/15 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY –

There were no Chairman's items for information

TEA 11/16- TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS.

There were no Part 1 items

The meeting finished at 9.02 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....DATE:.....

RATIFIED 18th March 2011