

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**AMENITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 13 May 2009

Present: Cllr C Francis-Pester in the CHAIR
Cllrs C Blades, N Pennycott, T Morgan, G Watkins.
Ms P Heath – Town Clerk, Mrs I Johnson – Committee Clerk

In Attendance: Cllr L Knott, C Hall.
Mr R Warren N Somerset Play Development Worker
Ms Hayley Wallis Clevedon Play Ranger
Ms Elle French Police Support Officer
Mr S Banbury Senior Area Officer (North) NSC
Mr G Withers Senior Officer Green Spaces (Parks & Open Spaces, Local Nature Reserves)

Apologies: Cllrs L Little – holiday, E Blades – family commitments

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. CLEVEDON PLAY POD SALTHOUSE FIELDS – UPDATE

Rob Warren provided statistics showing the number of children using the Play Pod over the last year. It was noticeable that the figures had increased significantly in recent months. Even on wet days children now turned up for the sessions. Hayley Wallis and her team provide regular after school sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm with mini play day events in the school holidays. The Play Pod sessions have been advertised through the schools and leaflets were given to Councillors. An article could be included in the Town Council newsletter. Mr Warren to provide regular updates on the Play Pod. The Rangers were thanked for attending.

2. SKATE PARK

Police Support Officer Ellie French highlighted concerns about graffiti in the town and in particular on the ramps at the skate park in Salthouse Fields, an area well used by tourists to the town. Permission is requested to investigate professional artwork for the ramps of the skate park by using the services of a professional graffiti artist to work alongside local young people to produce a seascape piece of graffiti. Similar projects in other areas had been successful in enabling the young people to take ownership and pride in the artwork. The cost would be approximately £800 however this may be less as it was hoped to apply for local funding and approach the Community School for help with the artwork. The artwork to be in place for the summer holidays if possible.

The Rangers had previously raised the problem of 'boy racers' using Salthouse Fields. The Police are aware of this problem in various areas of the town. There had been a recent presentation to 500 Year 10 & 11 pupils at Clevedon School aimed at making young people aware of the dangers when starting to drive. Ms French stated that the Traffic Police do call at Salthouse Fields if they are in the area and highlighted the actions taken by the Police if young people are caught speeding. A speed watch day was planned for the next day on the major ring roads of the town.

3. NSC UPDATE See minute AM/09/31.

AM/09/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None were made.

AM/09/29 MINUTES The minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting held on 11 March 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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PART 1 items - REQUIRING APPROVAL BY COUNCIL		
AM/09/30	<p>SKATE PARK – GRAFFITI</p> <p>Members agreed there was a need to remove some of the offensive graffiti on the skate ramps and this would be at a cost to the Town Council. There were some concerns that the organised graffiti project could increase graffiti however the Police had stated that patrols would be increased initially.</p> <p>RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL gives permission for the ramps to be painted by a professional graffiti artist using a seascape design, to be supervised by the Police Support Officers.</p>	Office to action after full Council
PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS		
AM/09/31	<p>NSC UPDATE</p> <p>31.1 POETS WALK SIGNAGE Mr Withers suggested forming a Management Committee for Poets Walk/Salthouse Fields areas. He observed that Management Committees for nature reserves helped generate volunteers to assist with the management of the sites and obtain resources. It was felt a Management Committee for Poets Walk had not progressed matters in the past and members did not support this suggestion. There was concern that the Civic Society is seeking funding for their own scheme in Salthouse Fields and the need to co-ordinate proposals for these areas was highlighted.</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1. To write to the Civic Society suggesting that the Town Council and Civic Society work together on projects for the town to avoid conflicts of interest. 2. To concentrate on installing directional signs as soon as possible, rather than including interpretational signs for which additional funding would be required.</p> <p>31.2 POETS WALK BADGER FOOTBRIDGE – Play safety matting installed on the footbridge.</p> <p>31.3 BENCHES FROM WESTON SEAFRONT – Large response for benches from towns and parishes and some benches were now being re-installed on Weston seafront. NSC therefore providing three new benches for Queens Square (£450-£500 each) however the Town Council would be required to fund any additional benches.</p> <p>31.4 DOG BINS – The problems raised at the last meeting had been followed up by Mr Banbury.</p> <p>31.5 PAVING ADJACENT TO SAILING CLUB – Broken blocks taken out and loose paving fixed. Problem caused by lorries delivering to the Sailing Club.</p> <p>31.6 SEAFRONT RAILINGS ALONG THE BEACH – Paul Wills dealing</p>	<p>31.1(1) Office to action</p> <p>31.1(2) NSC</p> <p>31.3 NSC</p> <p>31.6</p>

	with scheme for replacement railings. RESOLVED: Timescale for work to be clarified.	NSC
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AM/09/31	<u>NSC UPDATE</u> continued...	
31.7	SEAFRONT RAILINGS ALONG ELTON ROAD – It was reported that the Civic Society may undertake some painting work.	
31.8	SEATS ALONG SEAFRONT – REPAIRS/RE-PAINTING A Contractor to start work restoring the seats very soon.	31.8 & 31.9 NSC
31.9	SALTHOUSE FIELDS AREA – Work to start soon on; upgrading fencing of play area; re-seeding area where kiosk stood; work to woodland steps adjacent to Poets Walk; tidying up tennis courts and pitch and putt area.	
31.10	SKATE PARK – Spring on gate to park to be replaced.	
31.11	SEAFRONT CONCESSIONS – The information was noted.	31.10 Office to action
31.12	SEAFRONT FLAGS – New flags now in place. They are replaced every year. The possibility of making artistic banners as seen in other areas was raised.	
31.13	CLOSED TOP LITTER BINS - SEAFRONT & QUEENS SQUARE Replacement bins for Queens Square to be installed soon when details of the utilities under the Square have been received. These are required by the Contractor under health and safety legislation.	31.13 NSC
31.14	QUEENS SQUARE PUBLIC TOILETS – Letter of complaint about the disabled toilets received. RESOLVED: To ensure the Contractor has a key to disabled toilet.	31.14 NSC
31.15	MISSING LITTER BINS (1) Grassed area adjacent to Walton Park Hotel. (2) Old Church Road adjacent to allotment site.	31.15 NSC
31.16	MARINE LAKE Some concern about the timescale for work to repair further leaks in sea wall.	31.16 NSC
31.17	FLOWER BEDS CLEVEDON SEAFRONT – Resident telephoned to say how good the planting is this year.	
AM/09/32	<u>MUGA FACILITY/TENNIS COURT MAINTENANCE</u> AM/09/17 The monitoring exercise had shown that the new MUGA facilities were working well. Still no response from Cllr Blatchford concerning a MUGA facility for Clevedon.	Ctte Chairman To follow up
AM/09/33	<u>S106 MONIES FOR CLEVEDON</u> AM/09/07 New list prepared and updated but not circulated yet. A District Councillor asked on behalf of Clevedon Rugby Club whether S106 monies could be made available towards alterations to their Clubhouse. It was felt this was unlikely as it is a private site. Developers and planners stipulate how this funding is used.	Ctte Chairman To follow up list
AM/09/34	<u>HERBERT GARDENS SITE VISIT 23 APRIL 09</u> Report received; 34.1 'FRIENDS OF HERBERT GARDENS' Mrs Hayward had indicated that she hoped to consult as many residents and users as possible so that any suggestions are representational. Ideas for	Future

34.2	projects for the Gardens to be submitted to a future meeting. REPAIRS TO BOUNDARY WALLS RESOLVED: Write to property owners and obtain quotations.	agenda Office to action
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AM/09/35 35.1 35.2 35.3 35.4	<p><u>HERBERT GARDENS SITE VISIT 23 APRIL 09 continued...</u> PLINTH OF FORMER TENNIS CLUB PAVILION RESOLVED: Obtain quotations.</p> <p>TENNIS CLUB RESOLVED: Write to the Tennis Club regarding repair of gates and cutting/clearing of grass and weeds within the Tennis Club area.</p> <p>TREES OBSTRUCTING STREET LIGHTS & BT WIRES HILL RD RESOLVED: To obtain quotations for this urgent work to be carried out in the autumn.</p> <p>TREE SURVEY RESOLVED: Funding for this to be allocated in the Committee budget for 2011/2012. Quotations required.</p>	Office to action
AM/09/36 36.1 36.2	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> CLEVEDON PRIDE AM/09/24 RESOLVED: To arrange another meeting to discuss the figures submitted.</p> <p>HILL ROAD TRADERS AM/09/25 The Committee Chairman had left a message for Mr Hughes. It was noted that the support wires in Hill Road were to be removed under the NSC street lighting contract. Also a wire in Kenn Road. Currently the Town Council is being charged £10 per quarter for each of the Christmas light electric meters. RESOLVED: To arrange for the meters to be removed from Alexandra Road and Hill Road as these are no longer being used for Christmas lights.</p>	Office to action Office to action
AM/09/37 37.1 37.2 37.3 37.4 37.5 37.6 37.7	<p><u>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>37.1 CLEVEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – No report.</p> <p>37.2 CURZON CINEMA Cllr Blades report that Mrs Neal is to make a presentation at a Council meeting in July.</p> <p>37.3 STRODE CENTRE USER CTTE – See minute AM/09/27.6 date of next meeting awaited.</p> <p>37.4 NORTH SOMERSET SAFETY & COASTAL ADVISORY GROUP No report. RESOLVED: Contact the organiser to ascertain whether the Group still meets.</p> <p>37.5 CLEVEDON PIER TRUST Cllr Hall reported on March meeting Business plan presented. Improvements made to Heritage Centre.</p> <p>37.6 CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB Cllr Knott reported income down.</p> <p>37.7 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE BODIES Report noted.</p>	Office to action

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD	CHAIRMAN:
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The meeting finished at 9.35 pm

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