

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs C Blades, J Geldart, B Hatch, L Knott, L Little, T Morgan,
N Pennycott, A Shopland, Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs C Wring – until 8.15 pm, G Watkins
Mr G Withers, Senior Green Spaces Officer, Natural Environment
Services, NSC – for informal business only.

7.30 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS** Mr Withers reported;

MARINE LAKE

- To assist with the HLF application two visitor counters had been installed that day.
- The Lake is to be drained on Sunday to enable the Engineers to make a detailed inspection of the wall, some material will also be removed from the base of the Lake. The Lake should fill again between 11-13 March 2013.

BANDSTAND

- No information received from the Building Research Establishment due to staffing changes. A response expected next week.
- Planning application for the refurbishment of the Bandstand – meeting arranged between the Civic Society, Conservation Officer and Access Officer for 4 March 2013. It is anticipated that the issues of access to the Bandstand can be resolved.
- Members stressed the need for immediate work to the damaged cornices to be completed as soon as possible to enable the Bandstand to be open to the public by the start of the tourist season – Easter. It was hoped the full refurbishment could take place in the autumn.
- The Civic Society is investigating further funding grants.

PIER COPSE PUBLIC TOILETS ALEXANDRA ROAD – Repainting of railings

Next financial year

MARSHALLS FIELD – Replacement signs – Next financial year. Also request replanting of muddy area in front of the gated access.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS – Water logged damaged areas. The Concessionaire is infilling some particularly wet areas with soil and turf removed to enable the installation the new train track. **Mr Withers to obtain quotes for further work.**

WAINS HILL – Damage to a bench reported at last meeting – to be completed.

BENCH ADJACENT TO CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB – Request for sponsored bench to be renovated. Bench removed but in very poor condition. **Mr Withers to follow up.**

CHANNEL ROAD & HILL ROAD – Request concrete uprights from former public benches be removed – to be completed.

QUEENS SQUARE – Two benches damaged **one seat in need of urgent attention.**

ACCESS TO PUMPING STATION FROM LAVINGTON CLOSE THROUGH MARSHALLS FIELD – Overgrown path edges.

NEW STREETS & OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – It was confirmed that the need for grass cutting is determined by the standards set in the Contract re length of grass etc enabling the Contractors to be more responsive to the growing conditions. The Contract therefore has more flexibility. Members stressed the need for monitoring of the contract.

DOG BIN EMPTYING – Concern overflow bags are now tied to the bins. Mr Withers confirmed the service level should remain as the previous contract. Mr Carson NSC is

hoping to minimise the number of bins off the highway. **Mr Withers/ Mr Carson to advise the Town Council of any dog bins to be relocated in this way.**

STRODE ROAD GOLF COURSE – The permissive path leading from the pumping station towards Weston has been festooned with dog waste bags. It has been agreed that signs will be provided by NSC in the hope of stopping this problem. **Agreed to include an item in the Town Council Newsletter.**

8.10 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/13/211 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Shopland – unwell, Cllr McNeill – out of Clevedon.

TEA/13/212 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TEA/13/213 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2013

The minutes were approved and signed.

PART 1 ITEMS

TEA/13/214 NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FEATURES TEA/13/205

It had previously been reported that the eight wall mounted displays used in the Triangle Area were now in need of replacement. The Committee had also received complaints that the display was dated.

The Deputy Town Clerk provided prices of replacement displays. The prices of previously used wall mounted displays were £25 less than new lights, however new lighting displays came with a three year guarantee and the manufacturer was prepared to include new wall bracket fixings if needed.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the purchase of;

1. 8 new wall mount displays 2m high, 0.6m wide, 21w(less than 1p per hour to run) in different colours at a cost of £110.00 each - **Total £880.**
 2. Up to 500 coloured golf ball lamps to replace the blue lamps used on the festoons across the road. £2.00 per each – **Total £1,000.00.**
 3. To investigate extending the festoon lighting from Station Road to Melbourne Terrace and ascertain what infrastructure would be required.
- All of this work to be funded from the amount (£3,700) remaining in the Town Events & Amenities budget for 2012/13 allocated to Christmas Lights.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

PART 2 ITEMS

TEA/13/215 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

TEA/13/216 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2012/13

Members received and NOTED the update for the Town Events & Amenities Committee budget for 2012/13 subject to amendment of an error under projected expenses totals. An invoice for the children's event on Salthouse Fields is outstanding.

RESOLVED: To advise NSC Finance Department that all invoices for the current financial year must be received by 31 March 2013 or be written off.

TEA/13/217 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;

CLEVEDON BANDSTAND

- RESOLVED:**
1. To ascertain the gap in finance to carry out the refurbishment of the Bandstand.
 2. To investigate possible section 106 funding towards the Bandstand repairs.
 3. To obtain a progress report from Mr Withers prior to the next meeting.
- ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

TEA/13/218 REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2012/13 TEA/13/205

218.1 TO CONSIDER DRAFT TENDER DOCUMENT - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN TRIANGLE AREA

RESOLVED: Subject to two small amendments to 3.2 and 4.2 to accept the wording of this three year tender document and send out invitations to tender.

218.2 TO CONSIDER DRAFT TENDER DOCUMENT - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN HILL ROAD

RESOLVED: Subject to the same two small amendments to 3.2 and 4.2 and an amendment to the note on the first page to accept the wording of this three year tender document and send out invitations to tender.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/219 CLEVEDON SEAFRONT CONCESSIONS TEA/13/202.1

219.1 TO CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM NSC as follows;

TRAIN – New rails being installed, new train purchased. Hope to start at Easter. Previous concessionaire had applied.

CRAZY GOLF – Upgrade proposed for next summer.

CAFÉ – NSC to seek outline planning permission. Advertise for concession to build and run café with a 25 year concession. A mobile unit to be retained on site while new café is built. Current concessionaire can apply.

TENNIS COURTS – The Clerk had been informed that NSC would be meeting with the Town Council to discuss a possible grant application. NSC is aware of interest in running the tennis courts.

Since the Town Clerk's discussions detailed above. Cllr Geldart informed Members that she had now met with Darren Fairchild at NSC. He had indicated he would be allowing the company 'Football Fun for Little Ones' to use the three tennis courts free of charge for a year to see if it is a viable proposition for that company use the courts for multi sports. The courts were of course in a very poor condition.

Some Members spoke against losing this facility which enabled the public to play tennis without belonging to a club. They were particularly anxious to retain 1-2 courts. The Committee Chairman pointed out that the tennis courts had been advertised last summer looking for local people, clubs or groups interested in taking responsibility for the tennis courts. (TEA/12/147). The only response appeared to be from this company. He also reminded Members that the tennis courts were not the Town Council's responsibility and if left unused they would continue to look more and more unsightly on the Town's seafront. A Member recalled that the Committee had previously mentioned inviting Darren Fairchild to a meeting and felt

that the Town Council should continue to be consulted on the future of these courts.

TEA/13/219 CLEVEDON SEAFRONT CONCESSIONS continued.. TEA/13/202.1

RESOLVED: To seek clarification from NSC of any arrangements made regarding the future use of the tennis courts.

NOTE: Following the meeting Cllr Geldart forwarded to Committee Members information from the organisation detailing their extensive plans for the tennis courts.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

219.2 RESPONSE FROM NSC LICENSING DEPARTMENT

The information was NOTED.

RESOLVED: 1. To inform NSC of the other groups that regularly use Queens Square that are not included on the list.
2. To enquire whether other casual seafront traders (not concessionaires) require street trading licenses.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/220 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SECTION 106 FUNDING FOR CLEVEDON

Members felt the present entrance to the YMCA is unsatisfactory however there was some concern that the new access could affect much needed off street parking.

RESOLVED: To recommend to NSC the use of Youth and Community Section 106 funding for Clevedon to assist with the provision of the new access arrangements at Clevedon YMCA.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/221 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

221.1 **Community Association** Cllr C Francis-Pester – No meeting.

221.2 **Curzon Cinema** Cllrs C Bussey, J Geldart – Unable to attend. A new Chief Executive post has been created and an appointment made.

221.3 **N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group** Cllr R Garner – No meeting.

221.4 **Clevedon Civic Society** Cllr C Wring – Minutes of Executive Committee held on 19 February 2013 available. The Society is involved in the Marine Lake HLF application and the refurbishment of the Bandstand.

221.5 **Strode Leisure Centre User Group** Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey
Cllr Geldart had met with 2 users of the Centre, representatives from DC Leisure, NSC and the Centre Manager. A new cleaner had now been appointed and there had been an improvement in cleanliness.
Members queried the possibility of Section 106 funding to allow major refurbishment.

221.6 **Clevedon Pier Trust** Cllrs C Hall, L Knott. The Trustees were pleased to receive confirmation of the Coastal Communities Funding.

221.7 **Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte** Cllr L Knott – No report.

221.8 **Clevedon Twinning Association** Cllr C Hall – Johannes Arnold, Mayor of Ettlingen, wishes to visit Clevedon in the autumn. Clevedon Twinning Association has informed The Mayor that an official mayoral visit must be initiated by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To liaise with the Twinning Association regarding this visit and report back to the next meeting.

221.9 **N Som CAB** Cllr B Hatch reported there were still problems with damp and condensation at the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: To refer this item to the Environment & Property Committee for action as the Village Hall is part of that Committee's remit.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

221.10 **Police & Communities Together** Cllr P McNeill. Minutes of the meeting on 9 February 2013 with the new Police Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens are available.

TEA/13/221 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES; continued...

221.11 **Gwilliam & Woodward Trust** Cllr L Little – next meeting 23 April 2013.

221.12 **Clevedon Hospital Redevelopment Project Advisory Board** Cllrs R Garner, P McNeill – The Millcross site has now been cleared. A meeting with Dr Mary Backhouse and others from the Clinical Commissioning Group has been arranged for 18 March 2013 at 7.30 pm. **All Councillors invited to attend.**

221.13 **Clevedon Pride** Cllr N Pennycott. The group is organising a programme of events.

221.14 **InClevedon** Cllr N Pennycott – No meeting.

TEA/13/222 FOR INFORMATION To receive and note the following items available at the meeting;

222.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS – November and December 2012.

TEA/12/223 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

TEA/12/224 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

New Christmas lighting features

The meeting finished at 9.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....