

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE 2016

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Blades, G Hill, L Little, K O'Brien, G Watkins. Mrs I Johnson –
 Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs B Hatch, D Shopland from 8.27 pm
 Mrs L Knott – Clevedon Pride Gardening Group
 Mr J Middleton – Coach Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. **CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL FLOWER PLANTING CONTRACT**

Mrs Knott highlighted the following problem areas;

- Southern Way roundabout near Tesco a very prominent site however due to the wallflowers failing this year the planting had been poor this winter and spring. The need for more resilient planting was emphasised. If this is not possible then it was suggested that in the future the flower beds should be grassed over and spring bulbs planted.
- 4 Concrete Tubs on Hill Road - request for new compost. Also the adjacent shopkeepers on Hill Road would like to assist in maintaining and watering the tubs in future.
- Boat on Promenade adjacent to Clevedon Sailing Club. As the bedding in the boat is constantly subject to extreme damage by storms and salt water the Clevedon Pride Gardening Group would like to take over the planting and maintenance of this boat to ensure planting is replaced as and when required.
- The Boat in East Clevedon had been damaged and required more compost.

Mrs Knott also recommended the plants grown by Blaise Castle.

NB: The Town Council Contractor, The Landscape Group, has since confirmed their plants are supplied by Blaise Castle.

2. **SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS**

Mr Middleton had grown up in Clevedon and had returned to coach tennis at the Club where he had learnt to play tennis. He thanked the Town Council for use of the public tennis courts on Salthouse Fields the previous Sunday where he had promoted tennis in the community. He requested use of the courts again on Sunday 24th July 2016 from 9.00 am – 12.00 noon to coincide with the second Great British Tennis Weekend and the Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club open day. Mr Middleton also outlined future proposals for the Lawn Tennis Club to enable more people to use the courts over the busy summer periods.

Mr Middleton offered to assist and advise the Town Council concerning any future plans for the seafront courts.

3. **NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE**

Mr Withers had sent his apologies as he was on annual leave. He had provided a written report which was discussed under TEA/16/560.1 below.

7.53 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/16/550 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Geldart – out of Clevedon; Cllr J Norton-Sealey – unwell; Cllr A Shopland – another commitment.

TEA/16/551 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

TEA/16/552 TO RECEIVE RESIGNATION FROM THE TEA COMMITTEE

Members received and noted the resignation of Cllr A Giles-Townsend due to work and family commitments.

TEA/16/553 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2016/17

The Committee Chairman asked for nominations for Committee Vice-Chairman;

CLLR A SHOPLAND proposed by Cllr Little; seconded by Cllr Hill.

There were no other nominations, unanimously;

RESOLVED: Cllr A Shopland declared Town Events & Amenities Committee Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2016/17.

TEA/16/554 TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE CLEVEDON TRIANGLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2016/17

RESOLVED: The following Councillors were appointed for the Council Year 2016/17; Cllrs C Francis-Pester, B Hatch, J Norton-Sealey, A Shopland, G Watkins.

TEA/16/555 TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2016/17

Cllr Little asked to stand down from this Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: The following Councillors were appointed for the Council Year 2016/17; Cllrs G Watkins, J Geldart, A Shopland. **A request for additional members for this sub-committee to be made at the next full Council meeting.**

ACTION: Cllr G Watkins

TEA/16/556 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 30th MARCH 2016

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TEA/16/557 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 4th MAY 2016 DURING THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TEA/16/558 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16

The information was NOTED.

PART 1**TEA/16/559 TO RECEIVE REQUEST TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TEA COMMITTEE**

A request to be a member of this committee had been received from Cllr B Hatch.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that Cllr B Hatch is added to the membership of the TEA Committee.

PART 2**TEA/16/560 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;**

560.1 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE Mr Withers reported included;
CLEVEDON LIONS CLUB NEW SEATS NEAR THE BANDSTAND

A further site meeting arranged for 7 June at 2.00 pm with the supplier of the recycled plastic benches, the Lions Club and Civic Society.

RESOLVED: Cllr G Watkins to represent the Town Council at the site meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

SEAFRONT RAILINGS – TIMESCALE FOR WORK

A local contractor has been asked to prepare an initial quote.

RESOLVED: To inform NSC of Members disappointment that this work could not have been done prior to the Pier opening also to ascertain whether the painting will be done in situ or off site as previously suggested. **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

USE OF LARGE NOTICEBOARDS IN CLEVEDON FOR CLEVEDON EVENTS

The sites are paid for by The Playhouse and Weston Grand Pier. The NSC Seafront and Events Team have 20% of the boards for their use which includes all events on council land. In the summer the Events Team can be pushed for space. If Clevedon organisations ie Curzon wish to advertise arrangements should be made to forward advertising to the Events Team.

SPONSORSHIP OF ROUNDABOUTS

NSC confirmed that roundabouts are sponsored for one year. NSC will advertise the opportunity to sponsor on their website and through the Council's sponsorship mailing list.

RESOLVED: To highlight the fact that Clevedon Mercury no longer exists.

560.2 CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL FLOWER PLANTING CONTRACT

RESOLVED: 1) To discuss the points raised by Mrs Knott under informal business above with the Contractor – Landscape Group. 2) To make it clear which planters and flower beds are the responsibility of the Town Council and those that are the responsibility of Clevedon Pride 3) Cllr Hatch who is a member of the Clevedon Pride Gardening Group to act as informal liaison person between that group and the Town Council.

560.3 SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

RESOLVED: To agree to the request from Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club to use the Salthouse Fields double courts only from 9.00 am – 12.00 noon on Sunday 24th July 2016.

It was noted that Mr Middleton had offered to assist in repairing the broken tennis net.

TEA/16/561 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND APRIL 2016

The Committee Chairman reported that at a subsequent meeting of the Sub-Committee the representatives from the Traders' organisations had reported that 21 traders wished to be part of Switch On Event which was very encouraging. A road closure application is being made to close the Triangle area for this event to enable the stage for local acts etc to be set up adjacent to the Clock Tower and facilitate side shows and stalls on pavements/roads. The date of the Switch On is Saturday 26th November 2016.

TEA/16/562 VISIT SOMERSET TEA/16/518.1 – Nothing to report from Clevedon 2020.**TEA/16/563 MOTION FOR A YOUTH SHELTER ON SALTHOUSE FIELDS** TEA/16/523

Cllr Shopland emphasised that his motion is to provide a shelter for young people in the area of the MUGA and Skate Park but this would not be a satellite of The Barn.

RESOLVED: Prior to the next TEA Committee meeting;

1. To seek the views of the Police and Youth Clubs on this proposal.
2. To obtain costings for a youth shelter.
3. To enquire what permissions would be required to site a youth shelter on Salthouse Fields.

TEA/16/564 REFERRED FROM FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

564.1 QUEENS SQUARE MAINTENANCE AND WEEKLY GENERAL MARKET

Cllr Shopland Spoke to this item. He is concerned about the wear and tear on the surface of the Square and future maintenance liabilities.

RESOLVED: 1) To check the weight restrictions for vehicles on Queens Square 2) discuss any issues with the General Market Manager 3) report back to the Committee.

564.2 THEATRE ORCHARD REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Theatre Orchard, via the Chairman of Council, had requested funding for their June Production. It had been assumed that this would be allocated from the TEA budget 2016/17 £4,000 for Queens Square events and other leisure activities. Members appreciated that these events attracted many visitors to the town centre and were well received. However the Town Council's grant criteria requires details of; 1) anticipated costings 2) other bodies that have been approached 3) audited accounts and a current cash flow prior to consideration for a grant. Unfortunately this information had not been provided to date. Members agreed that it may be possible to consider contributing towards a potential short fall should this be necessary.

RESOLVED: To await a formal application.

TEA/16/565 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE

BODIES;

Community Association Cllr C Francis-Pester reported that bookings had increased.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr A Giles-Townsend. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2016 were available at the meeting.

Clevedon Civic Society Cllr J West reported that the Society had raised concerns about public toilets. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 7th April 2016 were available at the meeting.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2016 available – mostly a positive meeting.

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Francis-Pester reported on early discussions concerning the Pier Copse public toilets.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr B Hatch – nothing to report.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr G Watkins reported on a positive visit by children from Epernay which included entertainment at The Curzon and a successful quiz evening.

Citizens Advice North Somerset Cllr B Hatch reported about the damage to the bottom of the front door also some damp on the back wall of the Clevedon Office. These were being dealt with by the Property Committee. New CANS volunteers are required.

Police & Communities Together Cllr G Hill The minutes of PACT held on 3rd May 2016 were available at the meeting.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr A Shopland – No report.

Clevedon Tides Festival Cllr B Hatch reported that the Festival organising group is very enthusiastic. An art exhibition is planned for 30th June 2016.

Clevedon Commissioning Network Cllr J Geldart – No report.

MARLENS Trustees – Cllr C Hall – No report.

Farmers' Market Co-op Cllr J West reported that there are still concerns about the empty Morrisons building however the Co-op has been advertising for more stalls.

Land Yeo Friends – Cllr G Watkins Nothing to report.

TEA/16/566 CCTV LOGS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016

The logs were NOTED.

TEA/16/567 ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING FOR INFORMATION

567.1 Further information from The Centenary Fields Programme

567.2 New Tourism Awards for Bristol, Bath and Somerset open for entries

TEA/16/568 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman items for information.

TEA/16/569 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

Part I item – agenda item 4 – Request to join TEA Committee.

The meeting finished at 9.35 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....