

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN  
THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
Cllrs C Blades, J Geldart, L Knott, L Little, P McNeill, N Pennycott,  
D Shopland, A Shopland, G Watkins,  
Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr J Simcox – Clevedon Tides Festival  
Mr D Fairchild – NSC Seafront & Events Service Manager  
Mr V Locket – Salthouse Fields Sports

**7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. **CLEVEDON TIDES FESTIVAL**

Mr Simcox reported on the second meeting of the Clevedon Tides Festival Committee which had been well attended by the larger organisations of the town. Mr Hendy, Solicitor, is investigating whether the group should be a charitable incorporated organisation. Through publicity in the local press, contact has now been made with two people who have run the Sidmouth Festival and these discussions will be reported to the third Tides Festival Committee meeting next week.

Mr Simcox emphasised that there would be little change to the MARLENS Festival this year, however next year the festival could be 3-4 days.

Members queried whether any surplus funds could eventually be subscribed to specific works on Marine Lake, although it was appreciated that to start with funds would be ploughed back into the festival. Councillors were also aware that the Festival would do much to publicise Clevedon, just as the MARLENS Festival had previously promoted the Marine Lake.

2. **STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE – Mr Withers unable to attend.**

3. **SALTHOUSE FIELDS – TENNIS COURTS**

Mr Locket explained the temporary NSC licence to operate the tennis courts runs until September 2013. It is a test pilot to see whether a long term arrangement could be viable. It had enabled him to offer 2 free sports coaching sessions per week - there were 30 young people on their books; tidy up the area and mend the fences; four people booked the tennis courts weekly; a shed had been provided by NSC for equipment; he was working to get the schools and YMCA involved providing not just tennis coaching but hockey and netball also.

Mr Locket was asked about public accessibility to the tennis courts. He replied that the courts had to be padlocked when not in use due to vandalism. It was not viable to employ someone to man the courts daily. He hoped to open the courts more during the school holiday period. Mr Locket had a long term vision with possible sponsorship from other businesses but this had not yet been put in writing .

Mr Fairchild pointed out that the tennis courts had not previously paid their way as there use was limited to a period around Wimbledon each year. The surface and fencing is in a poor state and therefore it had not been included with the concession for the train, bouncy castle and crazy golf. The courts would need a £35-40,000 investment. He felt this temporary use was preferable to leaving the courts unused.

**7.58 pm FORMAL BUSINESS**

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

**TEA/13/240 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr T Morgan – out of Clevedon. Under this item Cllr Shopland sought clarification as to his membership of the Committee as a member of the Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That for this meeting Councillor Shopland be deemed a temporary member of the committee until a decision is made by full Council on the future of the Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee. See min TEA/13/244.

**TEA/13/241 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**TEA/13/242 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE****242.1 MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

**RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the minutes subject to the following amendment; TEA/13/233 Clevedon Seafront Concessions – Tennis Courts add 'Vote taken 7 FOR 0 AGAINST'.

**242.2 MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 – The minutes were approved and signed.****TEA/13/243 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2013/14**

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

**CLLR C BLADES** proposed by Cllr Francis-Pester; seconded by Cllr Pennycott.  
Vote: 2 FOR

**CLLR G WATKINS** proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr A Shopland  
Vote: 6 FOR

**RESOLVED:** Cllr G Watkins declared Town Events & Amenities Committee Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2013/14.

**PART 1****TEA/13/244 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was noted this Sub-Committee now had no funds for a commemoration as these have been transferred to works to the Bandstand.

**RESOLVED:** That the above Sub-Committee be dissolved.

**TEA/13/245 TOURISM PROMOTION**

Cllr Knott gave a verbal report and introduced two items to the Committee;

**245.1 PROPOSAL FOR TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE**

Following on from the lack of publicity for Clevedon after the Broadchurch filming Cllr Knott had had discussions with NSC about the possibility of a small Tourist Information Office. Both the Executive Member for Tourism and Leisure and James Foster supported this proposal and felt funding could be available through tourism. The proposed site is the Ladies Toilets at Pier Copse, Alexandra Road. These toilets are not working well and in a poor state. The new TIC (possibly a wooden chalet building) could also provide two public conveniences with disabled access.

**RESOLVED:** To give Cllr Knott delegated powers to investigate costs and funding with NSC, both revenue and capital costs, and report back to the Town Events & Amenities Committee.

VOTE: 7 FOR 0 AGAINST

**Action: Cllr L Knott**

245.2 LETTER TO SHOPS/BUSINESSES IN SIXWAYS HILL ROAD AREA

The suggestion is for a letter to be sent asking businesses to consider opening their toilets to the general public. If businesses agree they could display a logo in their window and possibly receive a small annual remuneration from the Town Council towards cleaning costs etc. The sum of £100 was mentioned. Similar schemes were in operation in other areas of the country.

**RESOLVED:** To draft a letter to traders and consider the amount of remuneration.

VOTE: 5 FOR 3 AGAINST

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**PART II**

**TEA/13/246 UPDATE ON ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

246.1 STATION ROAD ADDITIONAL FLOWER TUB TEA/13/234

The flower tub would now be provided by NSC as part of the bus interchange display board which would be sited in a position that will stop vehicles taking a short cut around the bollard. Funding for plants and compost would still be required. NOTED.

246.2 SIXWAYS RAISED FLOWER BED Informal Business 24.4.13

Cllr Knott reported that a member of Transition Clevedon who lives nearby has planted the area again this year with vegetables which are free to the public. Some of the free flower plants from the Flower Bed Contractor had been planted around the edge of the flower bed. Cllr Knott reported that the other free plants had been planted in the horse trough at East Clevedon at Sixways, Alexandra Gardens and at the peace memorial. The Community Association had also received free plants.

**TEA/13/247 COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2013/14**

The update on the Committee budget was NOTED.

**RESOLVED:** To enquire about the NSC Summer Children's Events in the Salthouse Fields which had not yet been advertised in local schools etc.

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/13/248 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE**

248.1 CLEVEDON TIDES FESTIVAL

**RESOLVED:** 1. To support in principle of the initial plans for the extension of the MARLENS Festival and development of a Clevedon Tides Festival.

2. Cllrs Francis-Pester, Geldart had previously appointed Town Council representatives at the Annual Statutory Meeting of Council. It was agreed Cllr Watkins also be appointed as a representative on Clevedon Tides Festival.

248.2 NSC UPDATE

**RESOLVED:** To ask Mr Withers for an emailed update as he was unable to attend.

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**248.3 SALTHOUSE FIELDS – TENNIS COURTS**

Cllr Watkins reported on his meeting with Mr Fairchild and the Executive Member for Tourism and Leisure (Cllr Shopland had been unable to attend). It had not been possible for NSC to reconsider the licence arrangements as it had already been verbally agreed. It was unclear what would happen after the end of the licence period, it was thought tenders would be sought. VOTE: 8 FOR

**RESOLVED:** 1. To clarify NSC's plans for the Salthouse Fields tennis courts after September 2013.

2. To appoint a Sub-Committee of the Town Events & Amenities Committee to consider future proposals for the remaining tennis courts and report back to the TEA Committee. Members: Cllrs Geldart, Little, Watkins

3. The Sub-Committee also to consider the provision of an outside table tennis table next to the MUGA as part of their remit

**Action: Cllrs Geldart, Little, Watkins, Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/13/249 FLOWER BED CONTRACT 2012 ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk had provided a report explaining the reason for an outstanding invoice for maintenance of the flower beds for the previous financial year. In view of the fact that the anomaly had been in the Contractor's administration, the company had offered a reduction in the invoice provided the present Contract is extended as stated in the terms of the Contract. Members felt the two items should really be dealt with separately.

**RESOLVED:** To pay the invoice at the reduced rate and extend the flower bed contract for a further two years as stated in the terms of the contract.

VOTE: 4FOR 2 AGAINST

**Action: Town Clerk**

**TEA/13/250 DOG WASTE EMPTYING CONTRACT TEA/13/235**

NSC had confirmed that dog bins in Clevedon are emptied when necessary by an Area Gang (van and 2 operatives). NSC is charging the Town Council for one empty a week even though they are done more often, particularly in the summer. There are some bins that require an empty daily. Committee Members are asked to report any dog waste bins that are missed to the Town Council Office. NOTED.

**TEA/13/251 CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL TWINNING RECEPTION FOR DELEGATION FROM ETTLINGEN**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the reception had been arranged for Friday 26 July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Council House with a finger buffet. All Councillors and their partners invited along with members of the Twinning Association and representatives from Clevedon School. To be paid from the budgeted figure for twinning 2013/14. Formal invitations would be sent out soon. NOTED.

**TEA/13/252 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

252.1 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Meeting to be held the next day

252.2 CURZON CINEMA No meeting.

252.3 N SOM SAFETY & COASTAL ADVISORY GROUP No meeting.

252.4 CLEVEDON CIVIC SOCIETY Minutes of Executive Committee meeting available.

**TEA/13/252                    REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON  
OUTSIDE BODIES continued...**

- 252.5 STRODE LEISURE CENTRE USER GROUP No meeting however Cllr Blades reported that funding had been obtained to update the changing facilities. A feasibility study is being prepared to consider how best to use the funding.
- 252.6 CLEVEDON PIER TRUST Cllr Knott reported that matched funding is being investigated.
- 252.7 CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB
- 252.8 CLEVEDON TWINNING ASSOCIATION – Twinning newsletter available.
- 252.9 NORTH SOMERSET CAB – No report received from the Clevedon Manager.
- 252.10 POLICE & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER – Minutes of May and June meetings available.
- 252.11 GWILLIAM & WOODWARD TRUST – Next meeting 25 June 2013.
- 252.12 CLEVEDON HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD – No longer meeting. Cllr Watkins attend Clevedon Commissioning Group Governing Board meetings. Cllr Knott involved in the NSC Health Scrutiny meetings concerning the current Clevedon Hospital.
- 252.13 CLEVEDON PRIDE Cllr Pennycott asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to the group following their receiving the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service. **AGREED.**
- 252.14 INCLEVEDON New representative Cllr Hatch.

**TEA/13/253                    FOR INFORMATION To receive;**

- 253.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS – January, February and March 2013.
- 253.2 CCTV CAMERA QUEENS SQUARE  
The NSC Councillor for Central Ward reported that whenever there was a problem of vandalism in the Square there appeared to be no coverage on the CCTV camera. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Pennycott to follow up with NSC and Police.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/12/254                    CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were none.

**TEA/12/255                    TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

2012 Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee; Tourism Promotion.

The meeting finished at 9.18 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....