

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2013

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs J Geldart, C Hall from 7.38 pm, B Hatch, L Knott, L Little,
P McNeill, T Morgan, N Pennycott, A Shopland, G Watkins,
Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr C Wring

7.30 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. **NSC STREET GAMES PROGRAMME** Lisa Perry, NSC Active Lifestyles Development Officer reported;

- The Street Games Programme is a charity being rolled out all over the country.
- A self-employed Sports Coach for the north of North Somerset has been employed for 10 hours for an initial period of 6 months.
- There is now a regular street games session at The Barn linked with the youth programme with as many as 25 children taking part. Feedback is positive.
- It is hoped to engage with more young people who do not take part in organised youth activities. When the evenings are lighter outside events either adjacent to The Barn or at Salthouse Fields using the MUGA are being planned.
- The activities are free of charge.
- Volunteers are being recruited to assist with running the programme when the present funding ceases. Volunteers (aged 16-25) have the opportunity to access a sports coach training package). Additional funding is also being sought.
- Sports Coaches could make use of an outdoor table tennis table should one be purchased.

2. **NSC STREETS AND OPEN SPACES UPDATE** Mr Withers reported;

MARINE LAKE – The Management Committee for the HLF Project has been meeting, the Committee will co-opt technical expertise as required. A brief is being prepared for a Structural Engineer for the project. The timescale for the first phase is September 2013. The need for publicity was emphasised. The Town Clerk has agreed to disseminate information to the local press.

BANDSTAND – The storm damage repairs will be covered by the NSC buildings insurance policy. A sample of the damaged cornice is being analysed by the Buildings Research Establishment – a report is expected. With regard to the restoration of the bandstand which was deferred last year. A meeting is being arranged between the Conservation Officer and Civic Society to establish what is appropriate for the Bandstand. The Committee highlighted their concerns that the Bandstand be in good condition for the start of the tourist season. Cllr Wring reported that the Civic Society is willing to donate £2,000 towards the refurbishment as part of the Society's Jubilee commemoration.

PIER COPSE PUBLIC TOILETS ALEXANDRA ROAD – Repainting of railings. Deferred to next financial year due to funding restrictions.

MARSHALLS FIELD – Replacement signs. Deferred to next financial year due to funding restrictions.

BENCH ADJACENT TO CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB – Request for sponsored bench to be renovated. To be done.

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NSC STREETS AND OPEN SPACES UPDATE continued...

CHANNEL ROAD & HILL ROAD – Request concrete uprights from former public benches be removed. To be done.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS – Water logged damaged areas. Funding now available to be completed when the area is slightly drier. The sports gym equipment is being replaced.

WAINS HILL – Damage to a bench reported.

TEA/13/199 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Shopland – unwell.

TEA/13/200 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Wring declared a personal interest in the Civic Society as she is a member of this Society.

TEA/13/201 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2012

The minutes were approved and signed.

TEA/13/202 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**202.1 CLEVEDON SEAFRONT CONCESSIONS**

Members noted that a concession for 10 years has been awarded for the railway (a new train has been purchased), a children's ride and crazy golf. The donkey concession has been awarded for a further 3 years. The lease for the existing mobile café has been temporarily extended awaiting planning permission for a long term café on Salthouse Fields.

The tennis courts have not been included in the concessions as they need significant refurbishment and NSC is currently seeking a grant from the Sports Council.

RESOLVED: 1. Cllr Geldart to enquire on what basis the different concession were put together and the likelihood of investment in particular in the crazy golf. Also the arrangements for tendering for the café once planning permission has been obtained.
2. To request from NSC Licensing details of authorised street traders for the promenade/beach and Queens Square areas of Clevedon.

Action: Cllr J Geldart/Deputy Town Clerk

202.2 ARISING FROM PACT – NOISE FROM LICENSED PREMISES TEA/12/195.10

NSC had replied stating that the council does provide a service at the weekends to respond to noise complaints. Calls should be made to the NSC emergency contact centre. The duty officer will only visit a site when 3 more complaints have been made, however, if a noise abatement notice has been served on the premises the duty officer will respond following just one complaint.

The covering times are; Saturday 18:00hrs – midnight; Sunday 18:00hrs – 23:00hrs. A complaint can still be logged by calling the NSC emergency contact number after these hours.

The environmental protection team has merged with the licensing team. Therefore, all information is shared. This department has monthly meetings with the police regarding licensed premises and residents should contact the police if there is anti-social behaviour at the premises. NOTED.

202.3 CONCRETE TABLE TENNIS TABLE TEA/12/191

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that this would fit the criteria for a Sports England Small grants application.

RESOLVED: To submit an application for a grant for a concrete table tennis table adjacent to the MUGA possibly in conjunction with NSC's application for funding for the refurbishment of the tennis courts.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/203 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2012/13

Members received and NOTED the update for the Town Events & Amenities Committee budget for 2012/13.

TEA/13/204 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;

204.1 NSC STREET GAMES PROGRAMME The information provided was NOTED.

204.2 NSC UPDATE

BANDSTAND – Concern raised that the new planning application for the panels would entail scrutiny by the Secretary of State and therefore could be a lengthy process.

RESOLVED: 1. To follow up with Mr Withers the proposed meeting with all interested parties, prior to submission of the planning application. 2. To via £2,000 in the 2012/13 TEA Committee budget allocated to the Diamond Jubilee towards the refurbishment of the Bandstand as the Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee does not appear to require this funding. VOTE: 9FOR 1 AGAINST

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/205 TO REVIEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

For the benefit of new Councillors the Committee Chairman outlined the history of Christmas lights in Clevedon over the past 15 years. It was felt the Christmas lights display in Clevedon suffered because it was provided by two separate organisations in two different shopping areas as opposed to say Portishead with one longstanding organisation lighting the High Street area. It was now time to seek tenders for the Town Council Christmas lights contract.

There was discussion about the possibility of some replacement lights or different coloured bulbs however some concern was expressed about the Town Council spending money on Christmas lights in a time of recession.

RESOLVED: For the next meeting of the Committee;

1. To produce a draft tender document based on the previous tender document.
2. To ask the current Contractor to carry out an infrastructure inspection.
3. To ascertain any changes in health and safety regulations re Christmas lighting.
4. To obtain prices for new light bulbs/new lighting features.

QUEENS SQUARE TREE LIGHTS

It was reported that a new time clock had been required following the Christmas period.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree the charge for the new time clock and installation - £60 from the TEA Committee budget 2012/13.
2. That the tree lights should be illuminated from 3.00 pm – Midnight. To be switched off when the clocks go forward in the Spring and then switched on again when the clocks go back in the autumn.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/12/206 ARISING FROM STRODE CENTRE USER CTTEE

Members considered the reply from the Chief Executive of NSC. DC Leisure has implemented improvements to the cleaning and monitoring since the beginning of November 2012, together with some immediate actions; replacement of all drain covers in the changing rooms; repainting of walls, columns and doors as appropriate; cracked floor tiles to be replaced and grouted; costing of replacement pipework to showers. NSC also agreed that the Strode Leisure Centre User Group should be reintroduced.

RESOLVED: To obtain a date for the Strode Leisure Centre User Group.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

**TEA/12/207 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON
OUTSIDE BODIES;**

207.1 **Community Association** Cllr Francis-Pester – No meeting.

207.2 **Curzon Cinema** Cllrs C Bussey, J Geldart – No meeting

207.4 **N Som Safety & Coastal Advisory Group** Cllr R Garner – No meeting.

207.5 **Clevedon Civic Society** Cllr C Wring provided information of two dates; AGM/Presentation by Transition Clevedon 10 January 7.30pm St Andrew's Centre. History Group Jane & Derek Lilly "Out of the Murk" 17 January same time & venue.

The Civic Society hope NSC will organise the repair and refurbishment of the Bandstand without delay. The Society has assisted NSC with plans and grant applications for this over recent years.

207.6 **Clevedon Pier Trust** Cllrs C Hall, L Knott – The Trust is awaiting the outcome of their second HLF application to the Coastal Communities Fund in the next 14 days. Maintenance work is ongoing.

207.7 **Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte** Cllr L Knott reported on social activities during the Christmas period.

207.8 **Clevedon Twinning Association** Cllr C Hall reported the Mayor of Ettlingen will be visiting Clevedon in October and funding may be required.

207.9 **N Som CAB** Cllr B Hatch – Unable to attend last meeting which was not the AGM as previously arranged. Clevedon CAB has moved back into the Village Hall this week and will open again week beginning 14 January 2013.

207.10 **Police & Communities Together** Cllr McNeill unable to attend January meeting. Some concerns raised regarding parking at Castlewood for the new Police Station. The need to prepare and progress a list of roads in Clevedon in poor condition had been raised at the January meeting. To be discussed by the Transport & Highways Committee.

207.11 **Gwilliam & Woodward Trust** Cllr L Little – No meeting.

207.12 **Clevedon Hospital Redevelopment Project Advisory Board** Cllr R Garner reported that the project had been referred to the NSC Scrutiny Panel and it will also be pursued further with the Clinical Commissioning Group. There is a public meeting in the Council House on 15 January 2013. Dr Liam Fox raised the matter in the House of Commons. The Minister of Health has agreed that further explanations are necessary.

207.13 **Clevedon Pride** Cllr N Pennycott. No meeting. The Christmas Fayre had raised £2,000.

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

TEA/13/208 FOR INFORMATION To receive and note the following items available at the meeting;

208.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS – September and October 2012.

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TEA/12/209 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

TEA/12/210 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....