

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs C Blades, J Cook, J Geldart, M Harriott, G Hill, L Little, J Norton-Sealey, A Shopland, G Watkins. Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Withers, NSC Senior Green Spaces Officer

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. NSC STREET & OPEN SPACES UPDATE – Mr G Withers, NSC Senior Green Spaces Officer reported the following;

MARINE LAKE The lake was operational for the recent Tides Festival. It is being drained again now to allow the installation of the last sluice. The east end of the lake (children's splash pool and boat access) should be completed later in October and all works completed by the end of October.

POETS WALK – Request for handrail alongside the steps near the Salthouse Public House. There is no funding this year however Mr Withers would investigate this request prior to the next financial year.

SEAFRONT RAILINGS – This work would take place during the winter months by NSC Contractors after hedge trimming etc had been completed. It is hoped to remove 3-4 railings at a time for painting. Temporary plastic fencing would be erected on the seafront while the work is being done in the workshop.

BANDSTAND This work had been completed. The new paintwork is being monitored.

TRAVELLERS – NSC Officers were congratulated on moving-on the recent travellers sited on Salthouse Fields so quickly. Bollards had this week been installed on Salthouse Fields.

7.40 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/15/480 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K O'Brien – another commitment, T Morgan – out of Clevedon.

TEA/15/481 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TEA/15/482 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th AUGUST 2015

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed subject to capital 'C' for Cllr Blades initial in the present list and the insertion of 7.42 pm rather than 8.42 pm for the time Cllr A Shopland joined the meeting.

TEA/15/483 UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16

The information was NOTED.

TEA/15/484 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE

484.1 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES

Members were aware that the list of items to follow up with NSC had diminished. It was suggested that Councillors give thought to topics for discussion and areas of the town in need of improvement. These could be forwarded to the Office for the agenda and then sent to Gareth Withers in advance of the meeting.

484.1 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES continued...

Two items were highlighted; the need to reduce business rates in the town; the future of Morrisons Store and whether NSC should be asked to assist with marketing this important site in the town. These items were not within the remit of the TEA Committee and could be discussed at full Council.

RESOLVED: To remind Mr Withers that as, the Clevedon NSC Liaison Officer, he is still required to attend TEA Committee regularly in lieu of attending full Council meetings.

TEA/15/485 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON CLEVEDON TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

TEA/15/467

Members had been informed that the competition had been cancelled after the last contestant withdrew. There was no further discussion.

TEA/15/486 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH AUGUST 2015

The actions of the Sub-Committee were NOTED. The Sub-Committee Chairman felt that despite the works compound affecting the accessibility of the courts, they had been well used over the summer holidays. Cllr Shopland had produced new posters that would be distributed around the town next year. A Town Councillor for Yeo Ward who played on the courts highlighted the need for re-surfacing. The Sub-Committee Chairman replied that there is no funding at present however it is a priority for the future and it was hoped future s106 funding could be made available for this work.

486.1 TO AGREE EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE OF THE COURTS AND REFRESHING LINING

RESOLVED:1. To approve the quotation for £325 for the cleaning and removal of loose detritus/stones from the 3 courts. This quote may be reduced if the work is carried out after the Marine Lake compound is removed. 2. Not to pursue the quotation for refreshing the white lining at present.

TEA/15/487 QUEENS SQUARE PRINTED PICTURES TEA/14/398

It was recalled that original quotation for the images to be displayed on the Morrisons building had been misquoted and now totalled £1,050 for seven images. Members felt this expenditure could not be justified at present in view of the uncertainty over the future of Morrisons stores.

RESOLVED: To place this item on a TEA Committee agenda in three months' time.

TEA/15/488 QUEENS SQUARE REPLACEMENT PLANTERS

488.1 SPONSORSHIP

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there had been no replies from the three local Garden Centres who had been approached for sponsorship of planters. Thatchers had been asked about the availability of barrels. The company no longer stores cider in wooden barrels and this type of barrel is not now available for purchase in Garden Centres. It was AGREED that Cllr Blades would carry out further research into the availability of wooden barrels and report back to the Committee.

488.1 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS

Members considered three quotations for different types of planter. The Committee preferred the Victoriana planters as these would complement the other Victorian planters in the Town Centre and were of a weight which may prevent vandalism etc.

TEA/15/488 QUEENS SQUARE REPLACEMENT PLANTERS continued...

TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS

RESOLVED: To obtain a further quotation for 10 Victorian style planters and one smaller planter in the same style for Old Street (discussed previously by the Transport & Highways Committee). **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

Arising from the above discussions it was agreed to ask NSC to consider replacing the concrete planters adjacent to the Bandstand. Mr Withers to be made aware of this agenda item before the next meeting. **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

TEA/15/489 TO REVIEW CONTRACT FOR PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SPECIFIED FLOWER BEDS, TUBS AND PLANTERS IN CLEVEDON

All Councillors had been provided with a copy of the above Contract which runs until 31st March 2016. Members considered; 1) whether the Contract required amendment – the number of tubs and planters in Queens Square/Old Street may need amendment; 2) the standard of work of the present Contractor – Members were pleased with the planting and maintenance. The Contractor had also taken on the planting of the horse trough and sailing dingy at no extra cost.

RESOLVED: 1. To obtain costings from the current Contractor to extend the contract for two more years. 2. To research which Contractor is used by other Town and Parish Councils in this area.

TEA/15/490 SECOND WEEKLY EMPTYING OF DOG BINS TEA/15/456

Members considered the analysis of dog bin usage from 23 July – 7 September 2015. This showed that nearly all 24 bins were over half full and two bins were regularly full or had waste outside even though they were emptied twice a week. The twice weekly collection is due to end on 1st November 2015. Members considered whether it would be cost effective to purchase larger bins or additional bins.

RESOLVED: To continue the twice weekly collection service during the winter months and monitor the usage of the bins during the winter period.

TEA/15/491 DIAL HILL – FLY TIPPING

Cllr Hill had noticed an increase in garden waste dumping/fly tipping in woods on Dial Hill over the summer. He had met with the NSC Community Response Team on site who had suggested that a letter sent jointly from NSC and CTC to properties around Dial Hill reminding residents that dumping garden waste is fly tipping and as such is illegal and the perpetrators could be prosecuted. A Town Councillor for Walton Ward felt that the matter should be dealt with directly with those responsible if they were identifiable rather than by letter to the whole area.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC Community Response Team to follow up the fly tipping and talk residents concerned direct.

TEA/15/492 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

Community Association Cllrs C Francis-Pester and J Norton-Sealey reported that a programme of works is being progressed and the diary of events is now quite full. **N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group** Cllr A Giles-Townsend. No minutes received.

RESOLVED: To request the minutes of the last meeting and a schedule of meetings.

TEA/15/492 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE

BODIES continued...

Clevedon Civic Society Cllr J West - Minutes of 15th September 2015 were available.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart
The Meeting arranged for Monday 28th September 2015 had been cancelled and the Town Council had not been informed.

RESOLVED: Cllr Geldart to ensure the meeting is re-arranged by NSC soon and advertised to users of the Centre.

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Hall and C Francis-Pester had been unable to attend.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr B Hatch had provided a report which emphasised how popular cadet sailing and RYA courses are at present.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr G Watkins reported that the reception at the Town Council to mark the 35th anniversary of twinning with Ettlingen had gone well. He was disappointed that only 6 out of 21 councillors had attended. He had had positive feedback from the twin towns. Discussions had commenced on the need for all the twinning associations involved to encourage young people to become members of the twinning associations.

N Som CAB Cllr B Hatch reported that new volunteers are required.

Police & Communities Together Cllrs J Geldart and G Hill reported on the meeting on 29th September 2015. The Police had observed that Clevedon is quiet at the moment. The 'Bobby Van Scheme' has been in action again helping disadvantaged residents with security issues.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr A Shopland – No meeting.

Clevedon Tides Festival Cllr B Hatch reported on a very positive Tides Festival which had attracted an increased number of visitors. The amount raised is still unknown. MARLENS is looking to legally separate from the Tides as this will protect MARLENS from risk.

Clevedon Commissioning Network Cllr J Geldart emphasised that the groups responsible for working with the town's children and young people were now operating well independently and in the future may not need the network.

MARLENS Trustees Cllr D Flint had been unable to attend the last meeting.

Farmers' Market Co-op Cllr J West – No report.

TEA/15/493 CCTV LOG FOR JULY 2015

The log was NOTED.

RESOLVED: To review the effectiveness of the new scheme presented by the Police to the TEA Committee in July 2014, prior to discussions with NSC on the new arrangements for the payment of CCTV expenses.

TEA/15/494 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman items for information only.

TEA/15/495 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no Part I items.

The meeting finished at 9.06 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....