

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Events & Amenities Committee held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 19 August 2009

Present: Cllr C Francis-Pester in the CHAIR
Cllrs C Blades, J Dagnall, L Knott, L Little, T Morgan.
Ms P Heath – Town Clerk, Mrs I Johnson – Committee Clerk

In Attendance: Mr G Withers Senior Officer Green Spaces (Parks & Open Spaces, Local Nature Reserves) Informal Business – NSC Update
Mr A Withers Informal Business – Proposed Flagpole & Moving of Memorial Stone in Queens Square

Apologies: Cllr E Blades – work commitment.

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. NSC UPDATE see minute TEA/09/54.

2. PROPOSED FLAGPOLE & MOVING OF MEMORIAL STONE IN QUEENS SQUARE.

Mr Withers' original proposal was to have a flagpole near the existing memorial stone on the edge of Queens Square. However following consultation with NSC it was suggested the memorial stone could be moved to a more focal point. The proposed locations were a) on the raised area by Morrisons b) in a central position between the round flower bed with the tree and Station Road. The favoured position is b). NSC has assisted with identifying underground services. Mr Withers had contacted the War Memorial Trust who are not keen on war memorials being moved but had no objections if it is to a site nearby. Member of the Royal British Legion very enthusiastic about the proposals as is the local MP, Liam Fox. The possibility of re-using the flagpole on Salthouse Fields was discussed. Mr Withers was thanked for his presentation and left the meeting. See minute TEA/09/62 below.

8.40 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/09/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None were made.

TEA09/52 MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman;

TEA/09/53 RECEIVE UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA
None.

Min No.		Action
PART 2 items – ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS		
AM/09/54	<u>NSC UPDATE</u>	
54.1	NEW BENCHES FOR QUEENS SQUARE now in place.	
54.2	SEATS ALONG SEAFRONT – REPAIRS/RE-PAINTING The first priority has been seats with slats missing. Members identified benches in the town in need of repair to be added to the programme of seat repairs. Mr Withers asked if there is a list of seats in Clevedon as some seats had been removed and never replaced.	54.2 NSC
54.3	SEAFRONT RAILINGS Works being progressed by Paul Wills NSC Highways.	
54.4	SALTHOUSE FIELDS AREA Fencing now upgraded. Work to woodland steps adjacent to Poets Walk - done. Tennis courts/pitch and putt area now been tidied. 4) Re-seeding area where kiosk stood to be done in September.	

54.5	CLOSED TOP LITTER BINS Installed in Queens Square. Installation of seafront bins will commence soon. It is hoped to site a sturdy closed top bin where the changing booths had stood.	Page 583 NSC 54.5
54.6	QUEENS SQUARE PUBLIC TOILETS Overall cleaning had improved. However there were problems of increased vandalism. It was thought there had been provision for a 'roving' attendant.	
54.7	MARINE LAKE Work had commenced on 27 July 2009 however due to a deep hole and soft mud the Contractors were unable to get access to the hole to be repaired. The possibility of erecting a scaffold bridge was investigated but too expensive. A Structural Engineer inspected the wall and advised that the leakage was minor and the work could be deferred. NSC to obtain a survey of Marine Lake and establish a programme of works for the next 2-3 years. The possibility of concreting the base of the lake was raised. Also whether DEFRA flood defence funding could be available for works to the sea wall.	NSC 54.7
54.8	ZIG ZAG PATH Fencing in place and maintenance much improved. Grass at Dial Hill Road end of Zig Zag requires cutting.	
54.9	DOGS ON CLEVEDON BEACH Request from resident that the Beach next to Clevedon Pier be dog free all the year. It was understood that WSM Beach had a twelve month dog ban but has reverted to the dog being dog free for six months. RESOLVED: To ask Mandy Bishop at NSC to investigate.	Office to action 54.9
54.10	EMPTYING OF DOG BINS The West Ward Town Councillor reported bins had been emptied on Monday and Thursday with no third emptying.	NSC
54.11	NSC GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTOR Concern about schedule changes and delays to accommodate Portishead in Bloom and staffing shortages.	NSC 54.10 & 11
54.12	FINGERPOSTS CLEVEDON SEAFRONT – Request that they are repainted as they are now difficult to read. NSC were congratulated on the improvements in the cleanliness of the seafront and on the floral displays.	NSC 54.12
TEA/09/55	<u>POETS' WALK SIGNAGE</u> TEA/09/43.1 Mr Withers provided examples of signs. The sign on a green background with yellow lettering was the preferred option. RESOLVED: To agree to the sign as detailed above. Locations for the signs to be as the map provided. Information that there is an Iron Age Fort on Wains Hill to be included on the information sign.	NSC Mr Withers
TEA/09/56	<u>PROVISION OF NOTICEBOARDS IN CLEVEDON</u> Cllr Knott highlighted the fact that the large noticeboards in the town all had posters for events in WSM. She had discussed this with Darren Mason at NSC. NSC could display notices for Clevedon on these boards. The advertising of local events by the highway was also discussed. RESOLVED: Cllr Knott to; 1 Consult further with Darren Mason regarding the use of NSC noticeboards and how this could be arranged and publicised. 2 Obtain costings for a Queens Square noticeboard. 3 Investigate advertising Clevedon events in neighbouring towns.	Cllr Knott

TEA/09/57	<p><u>MUGA FACILITY/TENNIS COURT MAINTENANCE</u> TEA/09/32</p> <p>The Committee Chairman reported discussions with Mr McGregor. The cost of the MUGA would be £60,000 - £100,000 dependent on size. The installation of a MUGA would be reliant on section 106 funding. Maintenance costs would need to be budgeted (up to £3,000 per annum).</p>	See TEA/09/57 below
TEA/09/58	<p><u>SECTION 106 MONIES FOR CLEVEDON</u> TEA/09/33</p> <p>The Clerk had arranged to meet John Flannagan and Roz Williams early in September to obtain a detailed analysis of the monies available - what it can be spent on and timescale of when 106 monies will be available.</p>	Clerk to report at next meeting
TEA/09/59	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SCHEMES OF WORK – TRIANGLE AREA</u></p> <p>Four companies had been asked to submit their proposals to provide Christmas lights in the Triangle Area for the budgeted figure of £6,000. No contractor had tendered within the timescale. The feedback received from one Contractor highlighted 1) the bulbs in the overhead cables would not be compliant with health and safety regulations after October this year 2) the infra structure in Old Church Road needs maintenance work (problems last year) 3) insurance costs.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To contact the companies again and ask for;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Costings for health and safety work and information as to whether this would be a one off requirement. 2. A quotation to provide a basic display in the area around the Clock Tower. 3. Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Morgan to consider replies prior to the next scheduled meeting if required, 	Office to action
TEA/09/60	<p><u>REPAIRS TO CHRISTMAS TREE DONATED BY WRING FAMILY</u></p> <p>It was reported that a friend of the Clerk and James Shopland had agreed to undertake these repairs. It was hoped to erect both trees this year in the Town Centre.</p>	Clerk to action
TEA/09/61	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HILL ROAD</u> AM/09/10</p> <p>The electric meters to be removed next week.</p>	Office to action
TEA/09/62	<p><u>PROPOSED FLAGPOLE & MOVING OF MEMORIAL STONE IN QUEENS SQUARE</u> See also Informal Business above</p> <p>Cllr Shopland outlined the history of the memorial stone which was not a war memorial but a stone to commemorate where servicemen left Clevedon for the wars (the site of the Clevedon Railway Station). The base for a flagpole is situated behind the memorial stone however the flagpole was removed due to vandalism using the flagpole to access the covered Walkway. It was felt the favoured position adjacent to Station Road could obstruct the markets and other events in Queens Square.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To suggest to Mr Withers that the flagpole could be;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinstated behind the Memorial Stone subject to permission from the land owners. 2. Erected on the island with the Clock Tower subject to permission from NSC. <p>The responsibility for maintenance and the raising/flying of flags required clarification.</p>	Office to action

TEA/09/63	<u>ELECTRIC POWER IN QUEENS SQUARE AND LIGHTS IN TREE</u> Cllr Knott reported on discussions with Mr Howser NSC Officer. He was concerned that the markets were not being charged for electricity used. The following costings were provided; £150 for a safety check for the electricity to the tree; £300 - £500 for new lights.	Office to follow up with Geraud Markets & F Market
TEA/09/64	<u>QUEENS SQUARE PARTNERSHIP – Now disbanded.</u>	Noted
TEA/09/65	<u>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u> 65.1 CLEVEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – No report. 65.2 CURZON CINEMA – Cllr C Blades & Cllr J Dagnall reported; Progress of Heritage Lottery Fund bid; appointment of HLF Project Manager & Learning Co-Ordinator Education Officer; confirmation of Liquor Licence; planning for Curzon Centenary 2011; requirements for digital screening. 65.3 STRODE CENTRE USER CTTE – Meeting later this year. 65.4 N SOM SAFETY & COASTAL ADVISORY GROUP No meeting. 65.5 CLEVEDON PIER TRUST Cllr Dagnall reported problems letting the office at the Heritage Centre. The work of the Pier Mistress was praised by Cllr Dagnall. 65.6 CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB Cllr Knott reported the appointment of a Youth Cadet Officer however last week had been Youth Regatta week and there had been no water in Marine Lake. CSC had recently joined with a Gig Club. 65.7 AVON LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOC No meeting 65.8 N SOM CAB No report. 65.9 CLEVEDON LOCAL ACTION TEAM Minutes of last meeting available. 65.10 GWILLIAM & WOODWARD TRUST No meeting. Consideration of grant request by email – refused. 65.11 CLEVEDON HOSPITAL No report of meeting on 4 August 2009 65.12 CLEVEDON LEARNING NETWORK No report.	Noted
TEA/09/66 66.1	<u>FOR INFORMATION</u> The Committee received and noted; CLEVEDON CCTV LOGS FOR JUNE 2009.	Noted

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:

The meeting finished at 9.31 pm

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