

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2013

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Blades, B Hatch, L Knott, L Little, P McNeill, T Morgan,
 N Pennycott, D Shopland, A Shopland, Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town
 Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr R Garner, G Watkins
 Mr J Earl and Mr J Simcox representatives from MARLENS)For
 Mr G Withers, Senior Green Spaces Officer, Natural)informal
 Environment Services, NSC)business

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. **DEVELOPMENT OF MARLENS FESTIVAL**

Mr Earl and Mr Simcox are members of the music sub-group of MARLENS. The music part of the annual festival has been increasing with two stages last year and a Winterfest at Campbells Landing. It is hoped this year to include music on the Friday evening. Eventually it is hoped to include arts and literature into the Festival at various outdoor and indoor venues around the town and involve many local organisations ie The Community Bookshop; The Curzon, however this would be a 5-10 year plan. The proposed name of the festival is Clevedon Tides Festival. Funds would continue to be raised towards the Marine Lake sea wall. Through the festival it is hoped that local businesses would get a chance to appeal to people who do not normally come to Clevedon; bring the town together and give opportunities for the development of local talent of all ages and celebrate Clevedon.

Mr Simcox asked for the Town Council's support of this proposal not necessarily financial but more practical support initially with possible involvement of the Town Council on the festival committee.

Members recalled that as part of the Mary Portas bid last year an initial concept of a town festival had been included although this had concentrated on the Victorian heritage of the town.

2. **NSC UPDATE** Mr Withers reported on;

- **MARINE LAKE** - Following a detailed Engineering Report and feasibility study it appeared the cost of the project would be some £100,000 more than initially predicted. Various options were being considered. Mr Withers was asked to clarify the origins of the previous engineering report on which the initial bid to the HLF had been based. The need to have an alternative source of finance for the ongoing maintenance of the Lake, should the HLF bid not be successful, was emphasised by the Committee. Mr Withers hoped local groups ie MARLENS could assist in providing information on the heritage aspects of the Lake.
- **MAINTENANCE OF THE BANDSTAND** A meeting had now been held with the Insurance Company's Loss Adjuster who had agreed to reinstate the top panels and pillars on all but the landward side. The cost for the additional work on the landward side would be funded from the £2,000 allocated by the Town Council; £2,000 allocated by the Civic Society and £5,000 allocated by NSC. Due to the use of lime putty which has to be built up in layers this work would take up to 10 weeks to complete. Mr Withers has asked the NSC Press Office to highlight this specialist conservation work so that the public know why the work cannot be hurried. Mr Withers also reported that Clevedon Yeo Rotary Club has indicated that the club is

willing to raise funds towards replacing the hardwood lower panels. This work to take place at a later date, hopefully next year.

- PIER COPSE PUBLIC TOILETS ALEXANDRA ROAD –Railings repaired. Repainting of railings – this financial year when weather has improved.
- MARSHALLS FIELD – Work to the overgrown path edges has been completed. Replacement signs to be completed. The West Ward Town Councillor reported that five kiteboards had been seen using the field on Tuesday evening. Health and safety concerns were again highlighted. Mr Withers hoped to rationalise the signage on Marshalls Field and provide permanent signs indicating where the designated area for using kiteboards is located.
- SALTHOUSE FIELDS – Water logged damaged areas. These would be attended to after the annual visit by the Funfair.
- DAMAGED BENCHES: The bench adjacent to Clevedon Sailing Club has been removed and cannot be used. The possibility of a backless bench on this slope was discussed. The benches in Queens Square have been repaired.
- SIXWAYS RAISED FLOWER BEDS Item raised by Cllr Knott. These flower beds had been taken over by Transition Clevedon. Mr Withers confirmed that the flower beds are no longer being maintained by NSC and it was also confirmed that the flower beds are not included in the CTC contract. Cllr Knott to report back to the next meeting.
- PILL BOX, WAINS HILL Request that a new padlock be fitted.

8.35 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/13/225 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Geldart – another commitment.

TEA/13/226 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TEA/13/227 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2013

The minutes were approved and signed.

PART 1 ITEMS

TEA/13/228 TENDERS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE TRIANGLE

Five companies had been invited to submit tenders for this three year contract, only two companies had completed the tender process.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL tender 2, the lowest tender, in the sum of **£3,980.00** for each of the three years. This sum to include installation, maintenance, checking and reporting of faults, storage and removal of zig zag festoon lighting, icicle lights around Clock Tower and eight building mounted decorations, pat testing, remote controls and before and after electricity meter readings.

TEA/13/229 TENDERS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN HILL ROAD

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL tender 2, the lowest tender in the sum of **£1,300.00** for each of the three years. This sum to include installation, maintenance while in position, removal and storage of 10 street lighting column decorative motifs.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

PART 2 ITEMS

TEA/13/230 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

TEA/13/231 UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2012/13

The update on the Committee budget for the previous financial year was NOTED.

TEA/13/232 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE:

232.1 DEVELOPMENT OF MARLENS FESTIVAL

RESOLVED: To support the initial plans for the development/extension of a Clevedon Festival. To include an item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee to consider what form this support could take. MARLENS to be invited to provide any further information available at that time.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

232.2 NSC UPDATE - See above. No further comments.

TEA/13/233 CLEVEDON SEAFRONT CONCESSIONS – TENNIS COURTS

TEA/13/219.1

Members considered the Draft Licence to Occupy and Operate the Tennis Courts at Salthouse Fields for the period 1 March 2013 up to 30 September 2013 by Football Fun for Little Ones. One court to always be available to the general public for hire for the purpose of playing tennis. It was not clear who would administer this court.

Members were concerned that this change of use could jeopardise the further use of these tennis courts by the public. Some Members felt that the tennis courts would lie idle over the summer months if the concession did not go ahead. The Committee Chairman pointed out that the reason for the change of use had been that there had been insufficient use of the courts and the poor condition of the courts. NSC in partnership with CTC had included an article in the local press asking for local people, clubs or groups who would be interested in taking responsibility for the tennis courts. Only one response had been received and this is now being taken forward. The possibility of transfer of ownership to CTC was discussed.

RESOLVED: To request that the tennis courts be maintained for use as public tennis courts and the NSC Licence arrangements be reconsidered.

Action: Cllrs D Shopland and G Watkins to meet with Mr D Fairchild, NSC and report back to the Committee

TEA/13/234 STATION ROAD – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FLOWER TUB

Cllr Knott reported that vehicles were taking a short cut across the pavement to avoid lowering the bollard. She suggested siting an additional planter in this vicinity to stop vehicles continuing to do this and increase safety in this area. It was pointed out that this would not be included in the CTC flowerbed maintenance contract.

RESOLVED: 1. To seek NSC Highways approval for the location of the new planter.
2. To approve up to £50 from the current TEA Committee budget towards the purchase of the planter.

Action: Cllr Knott and Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/235 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN OFF KENN MOOR DRIVE

Following many telephoned complaints from a resident, three Councillors had visited the site. Initially there had been many plastic bags deposited along the pathway under bushes but these had now been removed. It was noted that there were two dog waste bins in this vicinity already.

RESOLVED: Not to agree to this request.

ITEM ARISING FROM THE ABOVE REQUEST

The West Ward Town Councillor provided photographs of overflowing dog waste bins taken on a Monday morning. The bins in question had been provided by the Town Council. The need to increase the number of emptyings of these bins was questioned.

RESOLVED: To investigate costings and report back to the next meeting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/236 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

- 236.1 **Community Association** Cllr C Francis-Pester – Meeting the next day.
- 236.2 **Curzon Cinema** Cllrs C Bussey, J Geldart – No report.
- 236.3 **N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group** Cllr R Garner – Meeting due soon.
- 236.4 **Clevedon Civic Society** Cllr C Wring – No report.
- 236.5 **Strode Leisure Centre User Group** Cllrs C Blades to follow up Russ Currie regarding the outcome of an application for funding.
- 236.6 **Clevedon Pier Trust** Cllrs C Hall, L Knott – Meeting the next day
- 236.7 **Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte** Cllr L Knott – Nothing to report.
- 236.8 **Clevedon Twinning Association** Cllr C Hall. Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Mayor of Ettingen had confirmed dates for his visit with five other delegates – 25 - 27 July 2013. Accommodation costs would be met by the delegates themselves. The Twinning Association had requested the Town Council consider arranging a reception.
- RESOLVED:** To discuss further with the Twinning Association and agree a date based on the availability of the Meeting rooms. The maximum budget to be £500 allocated for twinning event in this financial year
- NB:** Agreed with Clevedon Twinning Association reception to be held on Friday 26 July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Council House to take the form of a finger buffet. **All Councillors to note the date.**
- Action: Deputy Town Clerk**
- 236.9 **N Som CAB** Cllr B Hatch reported on; On-going condensation problems; steady flow of clients especially mid to late teens; changes on benefit system – difficult to obtain correct advice; more Foodbank vouchers being handed out; concern about lack of awareness of changes to payment of Council Tax.
- 236.10 **Police & Communities Together** Cllr P McNeill – Minutes of March & April meetings were available. Concern about burglaries in upper Clevedon.
- 236.11 **Gwilliam & Woodward Trust** Cllr L Little – Meeting previous evening had agreed 11 grants of £50 each toward a trip to Kenya as part of the Mend The Gap scheme. 4 further grants of £125 each towards educational costs. Next meeting 25 June 2013.
- 236.12 **Clevedon Hospital Redevelopment Project Advisory Board** Cllrs R Garner reminded Members that the ownership of the building, maintenance and redevelopment is now the responsibility of NHS Property London and not the newly appointed Clinical Commissioning Group.

**TEA/13/236 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON
OUTSIDE BODIES;**

236.13 **Clevedon Pride** Cllr N Pennycott – Minutes 26 February 2013 available. The recent Spring Fayre had been very successful and approximately £800 raised.

236.14 **In Clevedon** Cllr N Pennycott reported on progress of the launch of the twice weekly market on Hill Road in the unused Sealeys Shop.

TEA/13/237 FOR INFORMATION To receive and note the following items available at the meeting;

237.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS – November and December 2012.

TEA/12/238 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
There were none.

TEA/12/239 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS
New Christmas lights contract.

The meeting finished at 9.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....