

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN**  
**THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs C Blades, B Hatch, G Hill, L Little, A Shopland  
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs S Howard - Committee Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr D Shopland  
 Mr D Bristow – first item of informal business only  
 Mr G Withers NSC Senior Green Spaces Officer – informal business

**7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. **SALTHOUSE FIELDS – DISABLED/WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO EVENTS**  
 Mr Bristow had written to the Council highlighting the difficulties for wheelchairs, scooters and buggies crossing over the rails of the miniature railway to get to events held on Salthouse Fields. He provided members with photographs to emphasise the problems. Mr Withers from NSC had written to Mr Bristow explaining that the concessionaire who runs the railway had replaced the train track the previous year to facilitate the new wider engine however the crossing points over the tracks had not be reinstated. NSC had asked the concessionaire to reinstate 'level crossings' but this has not been done. Mr Withers would instruct the NSC department that deals with concessions to ensure a timescale is in place for the concessionaire to carry out this work as a matter of some urgency.
2. **NSC UPDATE** Mr Withers reported;
  - 2.1 **MEETING WITH CLEVEDON LIONS CLUB** The Bonn recycled plastic seats are on order for delivery at the end of August. The old seats have been removed and new concrete plinths are now in place.
  - 2.2 **SEAFRONT RAILINGS** A quote of £15,000 to repaint and restore the fencing from Clevedon Sailing Club to the Millennium Monument had been received. Another option would be to re-galvanise the fencing and not to paint. The use of plastic composite was also discussed. It was noted that the fencing is structurally sound. The possibility of re-painting the railings on a rolling programme to spread the cost was also raised. Mr Withers to look at further options as NSC could not fund the work at present.
  - 2.3 **SALTHOUSE FIELDS – Damage to area used as a works compound for Marine Lake.** Work is currently being done adjacent to the MUGA area as this area also does not drain. Work to the compound area would now be done separately to the Marine Lake contract.
  - 2.4 **THE BEACH CLEVEDON** Residents and visitors to the town have objected to the increased use of jet skis on the Beach and raised safety concerns. Mr Darren Fairchild from NSC had met with the Town Clerk and Chairman of Council and had agreed to erect a better informative sign indicating swimmers to the right; boats and jet skis to the left of The Beach with a reduced speed limit for boats and jet skis. The Chairman of Council had agreed to consult the Sea Swimming Group, Clevedon Sailing Club and Gig Club about the information sign to get their support. It was noted that the Weston slipway had been closed for 3 weeks which has coincided with optimum tides and weather conditions hence additional use. These tides will not be repeated until September. The use of a lockable bollard on the slipway would only be considered as a last resort.

- 2.5 HIGHWAY VEGETATION Councillors were advised to contact Mike Brown if there were visibility issues because of overgrown vegetation.

**8.02 pm FORMAL BUSINESS**

**TEA/16/573 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Geldart – out of Clevedon; Cllr J Norton-Sealey – unwell; Cllr G Watkins – family commitment.

**TEA/16/574 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**TEA/16/575 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**TEA/16/576 MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**TEA/16/577 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2016/17**

The information was NOTED.

**PART 1**

**TEA/16/578 MOTION FOR A YOUTH SHELTER ON SALTHOUSE FIELDS TEA/16/563**

The local Police and youth groups had been consulted on this motion and there had been no negative responses. The need for a transparent shelter in an open area had been emphasised. Cllr Hatch had carried out some research with young people she knew with mixed results. Members agreed that the shelter should be sited on the tarmac area next to the MUGA. Members considered quotations and designs for shelters. It was unanimously;

**RESOLVED:** TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a Broxap Tewkesbury Teen Shelter be purchased, subject to the relevant permissions being in place, at a cost of £6,512 to include delivery and installation to be funded from Council reserves.

*NOTE: Following the meeting discussions with Broxap raised queries about whether the Tewkesbury shelter would be vandal proof. Attached to these minutes are alternative youth shelter designs and quotations for consideration by full Council.*

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**PART 2**

**TEA/16/579 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;**

**579.1 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE**

**RESOLVED:** To follow up with Darren Fairchild at NSC 1) the crossing points for the miniature railway; 2) the information sign in respect of jet ski use on The Beach.

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/16/580 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2016**

The Committee Chairman reported that a simplified project had been suggested to the Management Company of the WH Smiths building and when a reply had been received a further meeting would be held. It was highlighted to the Committee that whilst a road closure is in place existing traffic regulations for the road do not apply.

**TEA/16/581 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**

The report was NOTED. The problem of the overgrown hedge on Elton Road was discussed.

**TEA/16/582 CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL FLOWER PLANTING CONTRACT**

TEA/16/560.2

Members received a report detailing all the points raised by Mrs Knott at the last meeting. All the queries had been discussed and clarified with the Contractor and Mrs Knott had been informed. NOTED.

**TEA/16/583 QUEENS SQUARE MAINTENANCE AND WEEKLY GENERAL MARKET**

TEA/16/564

It was NOTED that only vehicles up to 3.5 ton in weight were permitted on the paved area of the Square.

It was suggested that Clevedon Pride be asked as a courtesy for a week by week schedule of their maintenance plans for the Square so that the Town Council and NSC are aware.

**TEA/16/584 TO CONSIDER RE-PRINT OF CLEVEDON ILLUSTRATED MAP**

Quotes had been received from the company that had originally printed the map. Some amendments to the wording were required however this may not affect the format. It was reported that Clevedon 20/20 may wish to have some input into the map.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the present quotation for 10,000 copies - £632.00 plus VAT. If amendments to the format are required alternative quotes to be sought. To be funded from the TEA budget 2016/17 allocated to reprinting the illustrate map.

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/16/585 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOG BIN IN JESMOND ROAD AREA**

**RESOLVED:** All members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting as Cllr Geldart was not present to speak to this item.

**Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/16/586 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE**

**BODIES;**

**Community Association** Cllrs C Francis-Pester reported that there had been a recent AGM. Bookings were positive and small improvement works continued.

**N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group** Cllr A Giles-Townsend - No meeting.

**Clevedon Civic Society** Cllr J West - Minutes of Special Executive Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 were available.

**Strode Leisure Centre User Group** Cllrs C Blades – No meeting.

**Clevedon Pier Trust** Cllr C Francis-Pester reported positive feedback from the Pier Opening Event. The increased admission charges had not had an negative effect on visitor numbers. Snagging work is continuing. An AGM is planned soon.

**Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte** Cllr B Hatch is planning a meeting with the Commodore and Secretary of the Club. The recent Town Plate event had been enjoyed by many Councillors.

**Clevedon Twinning Association** Cllr G Watkins – No report.

**CANS** Cllr B Hatch reported that a new front door had now been fitted. A volunteer helper is now assisting with admin at the Clevedon office.

**TEA/16/586 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE**

**BODIES** continued...;

**Police & Communities Together** Cllr G Hill - Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 available together an update and notes of Clevedon Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

**Gwilliam & Woodward Trust** Cllr A Shopland – No meeting.

**Clevedon Tides Festival** Cllr B Hatch had been asked to assist as Programme Manager.

**Clevedon Commissioning Network** Cllr J Geldart – No report.

**MARLENS Trustees** Cllr C Hall – No report.

**Farmers’ Market Co-op** Cllr J West had met with representatives from the Market. It was hoped the opening of B & M Stores would improve footfall.

**Land Yeo Friends** Cllr Watkins, Cllr Flint – No report.

**TEA/16/587 CCTV LOG FOR MAY 2016**

The log was NOTED.

**TEA/16/588 CLEVEDON THEATRE SHOP GRANT** TEA/16/572

Members received an acknowledgement from Theatre Orchard who would be submitting a full report on the Theatre Shop season on completion. NOTED.

**TEA/16/589 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no Chairman items for information.

**TEA/16/590 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

Part I item – agenda item 10 – Motion for a Youth Shelter on Salthouse Fields.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....