

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
SUB-COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2015 AT 10.00 AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins - Sub-Committee Chairman;
 Cllrs J Geldart, L Little, A Shopland,
 Ms Paula Heath Town clerk

STC/15/83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

STC/15/84 MINUTES

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2014 were approved and signed by the Sub-Committee Chairman.

STC/15/85 TENNIS COURTS BUDGET ALLOCATION;

15/85.1 Balance remaining 2014/15.

Members were informed that the balance remaining at 31st March on the maintenance budget code 4355/306 had been earmarked by the Town Events and Amenities Committee [TEA 15/413] for maintenance and possible rates invoices; this enables the balance to be used beyond 31st March 2015.

15/85.2 Allocation for 2015/16 - £1,000 in TEA Committee budget.

Members noted that the requested allocation in the 2015/2016 budget has been agreed.

15/85.3 Request for payment of rates

Members were informed that a case file has been opened by the valuation office to investigate the rateable value of the Tennis Courts. NSC has been informed that no invoice for rates in relation to the tennis courts will be paid until the investigation has been completed. Members discussed the payment of the rates and **AGREED** that should the tennis courts continue to be rateable then the Council be asked to fund this from contingencies.

STC/15/86 UPDATE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING;

15/86.1 Nets and Posts

The Sub-Committee Chairman reported that the nets and posts had been installed by NSC. There was some confusion as to what constituted the concreting in of the posts with some members understanding that the posts would be concreted in whilst others understood that it was the housing of the posts that would be concreted in. NSC had concreted in the housing meaning that the posts could be removed. There was a discussion as to whether this would jeopardise the continuation of the Tennis Courts on the site if another use was decided by the Council. Members were reminded that the lease specified for 'Tennis Courts Only' and that any changes would have to be agreed by Clevedon Town Council, North Somerset Council, and the lease amended.

15/86.2 Litter bin.

The litter bin specified in the lease has been purchased and installed just outside the courts, unfortunately some rubbish is still being left in the courts, it was agreed to promote the responsibility of keeping the courts cleared.

15/86.3 Padlocks.

The padlocks specified under STC77.2 had been purchased; the invoice being paid by Cllr A. Shopland.

15/86.4 Broom.

A nylon broom as recommended had been purchased. The Chairman would try out the broom before a second one was purchased.

15/86.5 Re-surfacing of the tennis courts.

The resurfacing of the Tennis Courts was still a high priority, and although the surface was still playable members appreciated that it will need to be resurfaced within 2 – 3 years. Members noted the s106 monies from Clevedon Hall had been allocated for the Tennis Court resurfacing by NSC but this was dependent upon the development triggers.

STC 15/87 OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING:15/87.1 Removal of shed.

Cllr A Shopland reported that the Shed has now been removed.

15/87.2 Cleaning of courts prior to start of the season.

Members discussed at length the future cleaning of the tennis courts, and whether a professional clean was possible. The advice from Darren Fairchild of NSC not to power wash the courts as this would damage the surface was noted. It was **AGREED** to seek prices for treatment of the algae and moss on the edge of the courts. It was **AGREED** to have a site visit and assess the suitability of the brush purchased and whether a sweep of the courts would be required. Any outside cleaning being funded from 2014/2015 budget.

15/87.3 Future publicity arrangements

Members felt that the Tennis Courts should be publicised more this year and it was **AGREED** to put an article in the Newsletter. And use the article to promote the Tennis Courts on Facebook and Twitter. At the same time the schools in and around Clevedon would be asked to include information in their newsletters and information packs.

ACTION CLLR GELDART/ CLLR WATKINS/TOWN CLERK

It was **AGREED** to purchase 2 Free Tennis promotional banners to be put on the Tennis Court fences from 2014/2015 budget.

STC 15/88 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Members discussed the condition of the pitch and put on the sea front and its lack of attention, it was felt that more could be made of the site to improve the playing enjoyment of visitors. It was **AGREED** to investigate in the new Council year the possibility of working with the concessionaire or to take over the site, to improve the facility.

STC 15/89 NEXT MEETING

A site visit on March 19th at 11am at the Tennis Courts followed by a meeting at the Council offices at 12 noon.

The meeting finished at 11.10 am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE: