

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
SUB- COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 11.30 AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET FOLLOWING A SITE VISIT TO THE TENNIS COURTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH MR STUART BANNERMAN AT 11.00 AM

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins, Cllrs J Geldart, A Shopland, C Starr
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

STC/17/158 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Sub-Committee members present.

STC/17/159 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Geldart declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 as Mr Bannerman is her son's tennis coach.

STC/17/160 MINUTES

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 21st July 2017 were approved and signed. They had been circulated with the TEA Committee agenda for 6th September 2017.

STC/17/161 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2017/18

Cllr G Watkins PROPOSED by Cllr Starr and SECONDED by Cllr Geldart

RESOLVED: CLLR G WATKINS declared Sub-Committee Chairman for the Council Year 2017/18.

STC/17/162 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE SITE VISIT AND DISCUSSIONS WITH MR BANNERMAN HELD AT 11.00 AM PRIOR TO THIS MEETING

Mr Bannerman had reported that the number of children attending the Saturday morning sessions on the Salthouse Tennis Courts was up by 50%. He had after school clubs at three of the Clevedon primary schools. Also evening groups at Clevedon School three times a week. He had entered the Academy in the Avon Tennis League. Mr Bannerman had some issues with the tennis court surfacing – the bounce was tricky, although loose stones were less of a problem. Tennis net weights could be a good idea in future and he hoped to investigate this further.

Mr Bannerman is meeting with Catrin Evans Sport and Active Lifestyles Co-ordinator at NSC to discuss a potential grant application for inclusive tennis sessions. He also reported on a capital investment programme that the LTA is launching for clubs, local authorities and educational institutions to encourage more children and adults to play tennis. Mr Bannerman is attending a local presentation by the LTA and asked if a member of the Committee wished to attend. Mr Bannerman is also looking at other sources of funding.

Members generally felt the courts looked in good condition. There had been no complaints from the public over the summer and no problems regarding use of the courts by casual players while coaching was taking place.

RESOLVED:1. To contact the Officer at NSC concerning the meeting with Mr Bannerman and the Town Council's responsibility for the courts.

2. Cllr Watkins hoped to attend the LTA funding event.

STC/17/163 FOLLOWING AGREEMENT FROM THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE A FURTHER SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED FOR A SATURDAY MORNING SESSION RUN BY CLEVEDON (NORTH SOMERSET) TENNIS ACADEMY FOR 13 WEEKS.

A copy was available at the meeting. It was noted that there was no provision for tennis matches on the Salthouse Fields Tennis Courts in the Service Level Agreement.

STC/17/164 TO NOTE THAT AN APPLICATION TO SPORT ENGLAND, AS AMENDED AT THE LAST MEETING, WAS FORWARDED TO SPORT ENGLAND ON 28TH JULY 2017 STC/17/154

At the time of the meeting there had been no response to the application apart from an acknowledgement and reference number. It was noted that there is currently a backlog of applications.

RESOLVED: To follow up the application with Sport England.

STC/17/165 REPORT OF MEETING ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017 WITH NSC CONCERNING SECTION 106 FUNDS

The re-surfacing of the tennis courts had been raised at this meeting. It may be possible to obtain section 106 funding but this would be subject to further discussions with North Somerset Council.

STC/17/166 SIGNAGE ON ELTON ROAD STC/17/155

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there had been a delay with the sign due to problems reproducing the Town Crest in such a large resolution. Members approved of the sign which would be installed the following week. A meeting with an NSC Officer concerning the cutting back of shrubs etc on Elton Road is also planned for the next week.

RESOLVED: Not to erect the sign on the Elton Road boundary due to trees etc but on the fencing overlooking Salthouse Fields and the promenade.

STC/17/167 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 10th November 2017 at 11.00 am.

The meeting finished at 12.00 noon

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:.....