

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST 2013

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs L Knott, L Little, N Pennycott, A Shopland, G Watkins,
Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/256 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Blades and J Geldart – out of Clevedon and Mr G Withers, NSC Seafront & Events Service Manager who is on leave – see his report under min TEA/13/261 below.

TEA/13/257 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TEA/13/258 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2013 were approved and signed.

TEA/13/259 UPDATE ON THE COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2013/14

The update on the Committee budget was NOTED.

It was noted that £50 had previously been allocated for a planter in Queens Square this had now been allocated towards compost and planting for the tub under the Real Time Interchange display board. Min TEA/13/234 and TEA/13/246.1

TEA/13/260 UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

260.1 FUN DAYS SALTHOUSE FIELDS TEA/13/247 A report from NSC on the events already taken place and associated photographs were NOTED. With the good weather this year so far the events had been well attended.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC for a detailed programme of the Bandstand concerts.

TEA/13/261 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE

261.1 NSC UPDATE Gareth Withers had reported;

BANDSTAND The present phase of the renovation (cornice and uprights) will be completed by the end of August. Mr Withers is still investigating renovation of the wooden screens early in the next financial year.

MARINE LAKE Working to identify the additional match funding required. Ian Parkin is consulting a wide range of local community groups and there are a number of potential opportunities for additional funding partners. There will be a Public Exhibition in the Town Council Offices in mid September following the MARLENS Festival.

NEW OAK TREES SALTHOUSE FIELDS Concern raised that the trees had been planted too close to the railway and in an area that would affect the MARLENS Festival. Jason Cox had written to the Town Council on this subject and a copy of this correspondence would be forwarded to members.

FLAGS ALONG SEAFRONT – In a very poor state.

MARSHALLS FIELD Request that Contractors lock the gates/raise the bollard when they are carrying out work in the field.

EMPTYING OF DOG BINS Photographs of an overflowing dog bin on Strode Playing Fields taken on two separate occasions.

RESOLVED: To highlight the last four concerns to NSC and possibly investigate of additional dog bin emptying.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/262 PROPOSAL FOR TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

Cllr Knott reported that due to family commitments and Cllr Baker being on holiday for three weeks they had been unable to meet. A meeting is planned with Healthmatic for the following day.
Action: Next agenda

TEA/13/263 LETTER TO SHOPS/BUSINESSES IN HILL ROAD/ALEXANDRA ROAD AREA

263.1 RESPONSES TO DATE FROM LETTER

To date there had been four replies with one business willing to offer their toilet facilities to the public.

NB: Since the meeting there have been three further negative replies.

263.2 REIMBURSEMENT COSTS FOR SHOPS/BUSINESSES OPENING THEIR TOILETS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

The majority of Members present were reluctant to continue with this scheme.
VOTE: 4 AGAINST 1 FOR

RESOLVED: Not to take this initiative forward.

TEA/13/264 SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS – REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There had been some debate as to whether the Group were a Sub-Committee or Working Party however it had been minuted as Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee Chairman informed Members that there had been two official and one unofficial meeting. Some progress had been made however more time was need to explore further the two options; to take over the tennis courts with some funding from NSC via the Community Investment Fund; or to apply for grant funding from Sport England. The Sub-Committee Chairman was informed of other possibilities for grants.

With regard to the table tennis table for Salthouse Fields the Sub-Committee felt the seafront location was not appropriate due to the wind from the estuary. **NOTED.**

TEA/13/265 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2013/14

Members considered the report of meeting with the Christmas Lights Contractor concerning the arrangements for the new lights purchased earlier this year. The Committee to confirmed the colours of the festoon lighting red white and green golf ball lamps and the new wall mount displays – 3 red, 3 green and 2 white.

With regard to the extension of the lighting from Station Road to Melbourne Terrace, the Contractor had confirmed that this would require a new power unit and new catenary wires together with three further wall mounted displays to link the display with the rest of Kenn Road.

RESOLVED: 1. The Contractor to dispose of not sell the previous wall mounted display lights.
2. As agreed in minute TEA/13/214 the total expenditure on new lights to include the extension to Melbourne Terrace should not exceed £3,700 previously allocated in the TEA Committee budget 2013/14. To date £1880 has been spent.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/13/266 CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL FLOWER BED CONTRACT

To report plans for cool coloured bedding Spring/Summer 2014. This year's bedding being hot reds and oranges. Concern was again expressed about some of the permanent planting under the NSC Contract ie the grasses Salthouse Fields.

RESOLVED: To request the Town Council Contractor not to carry out planting of the flower beds or leave the beds empty during the October/November and May/June half term holidays.

Action: Town Clerk

TEA/13/267 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

Community Association Cllr C Francis-Pester reported the Association is currently working on refurbishment of the toilets and reception area following the work to the bar area. Concern expressed by Members about the entrance and foyer of the house.

Curzon Cinema Cllrs C Bussey, J Geldart – No report.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr R Garner – No report. Request for information as to when this Group meets.

Clevedon Civic Society Cllr C Wring - Minutes of Executive meeting on 18th June 2013 available at the meeting. Concern expressed about detailed financial information concerning the Contract for the Queens Square and Chalet Toilets.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart - No report. No date for next meeting.

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Hall, L Knott – Members expressed concern about the loss of the Heritage Centre. Cllr Knott would provide further information on the future use of the Centre.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr L Knott highlighted the forthcoming Town Plate Race. A new Commodore is being sought. The plans for the extension are being amended.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr L Knott – Reported on a successful visit by delegates from Ettlingen.

N Som CAB Cllr B Hatch – No report as Cllr Hatch has been incapacitated.

Police & Communities Together Cllr P McNeill – minutes of July meeting available at the meeting.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr L Little reported on the meeting on 25th June when 4 individuals had been awarded grants of £125 each. Next meeting 22 October 2013.

Clevedon Pride Cllr N Pennycott reported that Clevedon Pride is arranging events each month and also a Treasure Trail.

InClevedon Cllr B Hatch. No report as Cllr Hatch has been incapacitated.

Clevedon Tides Festival Cllrs C Francis-Pester, J Geldart, G Watkins Minutes of the last meeting were available. Cllr Watkins had attended 3 meetings since the last TEA Committee. The Chairman of Clevedon Tides Festival believes arrangements are on track for the first Clevedon Tides Festival on 18-21 Sept 2014.

TEA/13/268 FOR INFORMATION To receive;

268.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS – APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2013. Cllr Pennycott had Arranged visits to NSC CCTV Station. The staff appeared to be overworked. It was hoped to have a better link with the Police.

268.2 VOLUNTARY ACTION NORTH SOMERSET – Summer Newsletter

TEA/12/269 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

TEA/12/270 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....