

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2017

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Blades, J Geldart, L Little, J Norton-Sealey, G Watkins.
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr J West, Mr N Coombes – M.V Balmoral

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS - MV BALMORAL

Mr Coombes spoke on behalf of Mr David Bassett who had emailed the Town Council for suggestions to increase passenger numbers of the Balmoral and market Clevedon as a tourism destination. See min TEA/17/684 below.

Mr Coombes thanked the Council for their grant of £1,000 following an appeal from the Balmoral Trustees last winter.

Mr Coombes emphasised how the Balmoral trips to and from Clevedon Pier benefited the town; increase in footfall on Clevedon Pier and increased sales in the Toll House shop; increase in visitors to the town to watch the Balmoral arrive and depart; a number of passengers come ashore at Clevedon and visit nearby pubs, restaurants and even stay the night. He highlighted the following concerns regarding Clevedon; very few places to stay overnight, many people stay in Portishead where there is a Premier Inn and Travel Lodge; insufficient parking. He made a request for a designated parking place close to the Pier for the Balmoral Pilot for the summer months.

Mr Coombes asked that the Balmoral be included in any tourist information in future. When questioned he confirmed that the Balmoral under goes rigorous annual inspections and certification. Unfortunately 25% of trips are lost due to bad weather rather than mechanical defects.

Mr Coombes was thanked for attending. He then left the meeting.

7.57 pm FORMAL BUSINESS
TEA/17/673 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Hatch – unwell and Cllr A Shopland – appointment. Mr G Withers NSC Senior Green Spaces Officer.

TEA/17/674 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

TEA/17/675 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2017/18

The Committee Chairman asked for nominations;

CLLR C BLADES proposed by Cllr G Hill; seconded by Cllr L Little.

RESOLVED: Cllr C Blades nominated Committee Vice-Chairman for this Council year.

TEA/17/676 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th MAY 2017

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

TEA/17/677 MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th MAY 2017

The minutes of the above meeting held during the Annual Statutory Meeting of Council were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TEA/17/678 ITEMS ARISING FROM NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE

Mr Withers had emailed his update on items on the agenda as follows;
SEAFRONT RAILINGS RE-PAINTING He had met with Cllr Blades but they were unable to identify funding in this financial year. Cllr Blades emphasised that it was important to prioritise items needing funding in the town due to the current lack of resources.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS The Marine Lake Contractors will return in September after the MARLENS Festival.

STRODE ROAD PLAYING FIELDS & HAZEL CLOSE PLAY AREA BOLLARDS Strode Sports Centre is preparing to put in a rail around the perimeter of the field.

ALEXANDRA GARDENS REPLACEMENT OF SEATS NSC had replaced 3 seats. There was space for two more and there were holes left where one seat had been removed.

RESOLVED: To highlight this to Gareth Withers.

THUNDERCAT RACING UK CHAMPIONSHIP – PLASTIC ON THE BEACH

RESOLVED:1. Committee Chairman to speak with Paul Anslow, Chamber of Trade; 2. To highlight last year's problem of plastic tags left on the beach to the NSC Seafront Events Team.**Action:Cttee Chairman/Deputy Town Clerk**

THE BEACH JET SKI SIGN A Councillor reported that the previous Saturday evening 3 jet skis were still using the designated swimming zone. He queried how the designated areas are enforced.

RESOLVED: 1. To ask NSC whether a Public Space Protection Order would be appropriate for The Beach at Clevedon; 2. Request enforcement of the designated swimming area on The Beach. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TEA/17/679 TO RECEIVE THE TEA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2017/18

Members noted the budget update as circulated at the meeting.

TEA/17/680 THE RE-PRINT OF THE CLEVEDON ILLUSTRATED MAP

TEA/17/662

The amendments to the Map are now complete. The maps should be printed and available in a couple of weeks' time. Cllr Geldart would organise delivery to various tourist information centres. The possible future inclusion of a Blue Plaque trail was raised.

RESOLVED: When the next edition is planned to review whether commercial organisations should be included ie The Balmoral etc.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/17/681 ITEMS ARISING FROM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - CLEVEDON COMMUNITY GARDENERS TEA/17/666.2

This Group had now confirmed that they would prefer a hosepipe rather than a water bowser.

RESOLVED: To allocate up to £35 for a 50-75 foot hosepipe for this voluntary group. To be funded from the TEA budget 2017/18 Flower Planters.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/17/682 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2017

682.1 RE-SURFACING OF THE TENNIS COURTS

The Tennis Academy had confirmed that the surface is playable at present but would need resurfacing in the future. The Sub-Committee proposed to submit an expression of interest to Sports England for a grant to re-surface the tennis courts possibly in a year's time. If the grant request is successful matched funding will be required.

RESOLVED: The Committee agreed to the submission of an expression of interest to Sports England to resurface the tennis courts.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/17/683 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CLEVEDON TRIANGLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HELD ON 25TH MAY AND 29TH JUNE 2017

The Committee Chairman confirmed that the lights would only be switched on around the Clock Tower if the roads could be closed for an hour to allow this to happen, otherwise they would be switched on in Queens Square. The need for licences is being investigated with NSC.

TEA/17/684 TO CONSIDER AN EMAIL CONCERNING THE MV BALMORAL SAILINGS – See Informal Business above

RESOLVED: To assist the MV Balmoral with publicity by including an article in the next Town Council newsletter in the North Somerset Times.

Action: Town Clerk

TEA/17/685 TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAND YEO FRIENDS

685.1 LITTER IN THE LAND YEO BETWEEN TEATRO AND LIDL

Members considered the request for a litter bin in this area. It was felt that since the litter had been cleared from the river by the Land Yeo Friends a few weeks ago no further rubbish had accumulated in the river.

RESOLVED: To continue to monitor the area. **Action: All Town Councillors**

685.2 INITIATIVES TO REDUCE WASTE LITTER AND IN PARTICULAR PLASTIC

RESOLVED: To include an article in the next edition of the Town Council newsletter in the North Somerset Times.

Action: Town Clerk

TEA/17/686 TO CONSIDER REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING FLOWER BEDDING 2017/18

RESOLVED: 1. To request bright yellow colours for the spring flower bedding with Polyanthus and Pansies and spring bulbs. No wallflowers.

2. For summer bedding request hot red colours with the badge bed adjacent to the Bandstand marked out to commemorate 1918 and the end of the First World War. Request that Sempervivums are used if possible. The possibility of planting poppies also to be investigated. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TEA/17/687 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Community Association Cllrs C Francis-Pester reported a robust repair schedule and increased hall bookings.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group - No meeting.

Clevedon Civic Society The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 1st June 2017 were available. Cllr West reported that there were plans for a memorial plaque for Rob Campbell. The next meeting is in September.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart, N Barton – No meeting. It was agreed that this meeting should only be called if problems arise as it was important not to raise expectations due to financial restrictions.

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Hall, C Francis-Pester. No meeting.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr B Hatch reported concerns that 1) the slipway is being used by vehicles with jet skis; 2) swimmers are using Marine Lake alongside the CSC boats. It was noted that the Club celebrated their 70th Year in June.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr G Watkins had visited Middlekerke. The Chairman of Council had been unable to attend particularly as very little notice had been given of this event. No decision as yet on the Erasmus funding for schools.

CANS Cllr B Hatch reported that there is an increase in clients as a result of this there are plans to increase the opening hours of the Clevedon Office. Plans for alterations to the building have yet to be submitted to the Property Committee.

Police & Communities Together Cllrs J Geldart reported on the meeting on 4th July 2017. The Police had been in attendance. May, June and July updates were available.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr A Shopland. Last meeting 26th June 2017. No report.

Clevedon Tides Festival Cllr B Hatch reported that the pump in the children's pool had been damaged but is now working. The future of the pump is under consideration.

Clevedon Commissioning Network Cllr J Geldart No meetings.

MARLENS Trustees Cllr C Hall - No report.

Farmers' Market Co-op Cllr J West reported that she met with the traders each month. There were currently discussions regarding the Christmas Lights Switch On and the Farmers' Market involvement in this event.

Land Yeo Friends Cllr Watkins, Cllr J Geldart Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2017 available. Next meeting 27th July 2017 at Clevedon Sailing Club – Town Councillors. See also TEA/17/685 above.

TEA/17/688 CCTV

The logs for April and May 2017 were available. Members asked which Committee would be dealing with the review of Clevedon CCTV. It was reported that the Town Clerk is currently arranging a special meeting of full Council.

Action: Town Clerk

TEA/17/689 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items.

TEA/17/672 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no part I items

The meeting finished at 8.57 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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