

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 18th JULY 2012

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Blades, J Geldart, B Hatch, L Knott, L Little, P McNeill,
 T Morgan, N Pennycott, A Shopland.
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Gareth Withers NSC Streets & Open Spaces informal business only
 Cllr C Bussey

7.30 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. TWEETING DURING MEETING Cllr Geldart informed the meeting that she planned to tweet messages using her phone during the TEA Committee. She would not be tweeting Members' comments but would only state subjects being discussed. Cllr Geldart had checked with NALC that this is permissible. She felt this was a way of achieving greater community involvement in the workings of the Town Council. The Committee Chairman emphasised that the only true record of the meeting would be the formal minutes.

2. NSC STREETS AND OPEN SPACES UPDATE Mr Withers reported;

MARINE LAKE Questions concerning the recent work to the sea wall were answered by Mr Withers. The wall would never be water tight but the leaks had been greatly reduced. This fact was also confirmed by a Member of the Committee. The paddling pool had also been repaired. Due to the aggressive environment of Marine Lake maintenance is of course ongoing. The outcome of the HLF application is awaited and should this not be successful it will be necessary to make alternative plans.

MAINTENANCE OF THE BANDSTAND – CLEVEDON SEAFRONT TEA/12/125.6
 No further progress since the refusal of the Listed Building plans. The grant funding has now also been withdrawn as this relied on improvements to the accessibility of the Bandstand. Mr Withers would investigate other funding possibilities and report back.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS – Maintenance of Path alongside Tennis Courts/MUGA/Elton Road. The worst of the potholes have been filled. Quotes to re-surface were expensive.

PUBLIC BENCH OVERLOOKING MARINE LAKE – Request concrete uprights are removed. It was confirmed that this bench is a different design to the other benches that have been refurbished. The uprights would be removed soon.

SPINE PATHS AND PAVEMENTS Members reported that due to the rainy weather weed killer had not been applied and paths were becoming overgrown. Members asked whether there is any flexibility in the contract when weather did not permit scheduled work, ie could there be some hand weeding.

PIER COPSE PUBLIC TOILETS ALEXANDRA ROAD – Request for new railings.

MARSHALLS FIELD – Wind boards still using field therefore continue to be health and safety issues. Temporary laminated notices removed by the boarders. Difficult to contact NSC Rangers in the evening and weekend. Mr Withers to investigate what practically can be done to address this mixed use of amenity land.

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8.00 pm **FORMAL BUSINESS**

TEA/12/152 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr D Shopland – out of Clevedon.

TEA/12/153 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Blades declared a personal interest in TEA/12/165 Clevedon Golf Club.

TEA/12/154 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 MAY 2012 DURING ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING

The minutes were approved and signed.

TEA/12/155 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23RD MAY 2012

The minutes were approved and signed.

TEA/12/156 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no items

PART 1

TEA/12/157 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2012/13 See also minute TEA/12/160 below

157.1 QUEENS SQUARE TREE LIGHTS TEA/12/140.1

Members considered two quotations from Electrical Contractors;

QUOTE 1 To carry out high level investigation and if possible repair existing fittings if not possible to replace fittings **£1149.00**

QUOTE 2 To carry out high level investigate and replace three faulty flood lights **£1848.68**

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL acceptance of Quote 1 - £1149.00 to be funded from the TEA Committee budget from the sum brought forward from the previous financial year for improvements to the Christmas lights.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

PART 2

TEA/12/158 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2012/13

Members received and noted the update on the Town Events Amenities Committee budget for 2012/13

158.1 QUEENS SQUARE ENHANCEMENT TEA/12/138

Members NOTED that £500 allocated in TEA Committee budget for 2012/13 had not been specifically allocated as yet. Any items for consideration would require approval by the Committee in the usual way.

158.2 CHILDREN'S EVENT – SUMMER HOLIDAYS SALTHOUSE FIELDS TEA/12/138

NSC had provided costings for the family fun days in Clevedon. The Town Council has this financial year granted £1,000 towards these activities (part of the Finance & General Policy budget). NSC is now requesting an additional £1,000 to enable the Rangers to run five fun days rather than three.

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158.2 CHILDREN'S EVENT – SUMMER HOLIDAYS SALTHOUSE FIELDS continued...

The Committee raised the following concerns; NSC had publicised five fun days prior to the approval of the additional funding; the lack of breakdown of the costings of the fun days; the need to publicise these events more widely and the Town Council's sponsorship of the Fun Days.

RESOLVED: To allocate £1,000 from the sum set aside in the TEA budget 2012/13 for children's events to the Summer Fun Days at Salthouse Fields. However to request the following information;

- a more detailed breakdown of the costings identifying how the Town Council funding will be spent.
- a review of the Fun Days held in 2012 following detailed monitoring of the events.

Cllr Geldart to contact NSC Rangers concerning publicity.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk & Cllr Geldart

TEA/12/159 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE

158.1 NSC UPDATE – No further discussion.

TEA/12/160 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2012/13

160.1 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON TEA/12/140.1

It was noted that Clevedon Pride is considering an event to switch on their lights on 1 December 2012. The Deputy Clerk informed members that at present to turn on all the Clevedon Town Council lights together would require five people manning the five time clocks for the different lighted areas.

RESOLVED: The Town Council representative on Clevedon Pride to enquire about a joint switch on of Christmas lights at their next meeting and report back. Defer consideration until 12 September 2012 when the necessary arrangements could be agreed.

Action: Cllr Pennycott - Next Agenda

TEA/12/161 MUGA

161.1 LEASE The Committee had previously considered the lease.

RESOLVED: To confirm the signing of the lease by the Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Town Clerk.

Action: Town Clerk

161.2 OFFICIAL OPENING OF MUGA TEA/12/142 No date had been agreed by the Police.

RESOLVED: To arrange an official opening for the MUGA to coincide with the MARLENS weekend, subject to their agreement - Saturday 15 September 2012 in the afternoon. Cllr Geldart would assist with arrangements for football teams.

Action: Town Clerk & Cllr Geldart

TEA/12/162 NSC STREET GAMES PROGRAMME

The NSC Active Lifestyles Development Officer to attend the next TEA Committee meeting on 12 September 2012. NOTED.

Action: Next agenda

TEA/12/163 FLOWER BEDS

163.1 LITTLE HARP ROUND BED

It was noted that the Contractor had replanted the bed following storm damage. There are long term problems with this flower bed which has poor quality soil and pernicious weeds. The possibility of a statue to commemorate the Mission to Seamen sited on this bed, was raised again. The charity had not approached the Town Council to date.

163.1 LITTLE HARP ROUND BED continued...

RESOLVED:Proposals for this flower bed to be considered by the Flower Bed Working Group.

163.2 SEAVALE ROAD FLOWER BEDS & TRIANGULAR FLOWER BED BY THE CLOCK TOWER

Concern raised by local residents about the lack of maintenance and/or quality of planting in these beds. It was felt these flower beds in retail and tourist areas of the town should enhance the town.

RESOLVED: To highlight the concerns to NSC who are responsible for these flower beds.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/12/164 REMAINING TENNIS COURTS AT SALTHOUSE FIELDS

TEA/12/147

It was reported that one response had been received to take over responsibility of the tennis courts. The information had been passed to Carly Phillips at NSC as the tennis courts are in their ownership. It was noted that the other concessions on Salthouse Fields would be advertised soon.

RESOLVED: To obtain feedback from NSC for the next meeting of the Committee.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/12/165 CLEVEDON GOLF CLUB - REQUEST FOR A DOG BIN ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH

This request had been made by the Club with no supporting evidence demonstrating the need for this bin.

RESOLVED:Not to agree to this request.

165.1 FUTURE POLICY FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOG WASTE BINS BY COMMITTEE Members again raised concerns that most of the dog bin requests were made by individuals and it was felt that there should be no automatic requirement for the Committee to consider these requests mostly for bins on NSC owned land.

RESOLVED:Not to consider future requests for dog bins in Clevedon unless they are accompanied by a petition demonstrating the need for the bin.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/12/166 REPORT OF THE 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee Chairman was not present. There had been no further meetings of this Sub-Committee. NOTED.

TEA/12/167 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

167.1 Community Association Cllr C Francis-Pester Reported on a short AGM. The CCA hope to approach NSC concernin funds for remedial work and options on the house.

167.2 Curzon Cinema Cllrs C Bussey, J Geldart reported that the Committee is very enthusiastic. The Curzon hope to raise as much money as possible in this Centenary year. Other events planned include a charity auction at Clevedon Court.

167.3 Strode Centre User Ctte Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey Minutes of meeting held on 15/12/11 NOTED. No further meeting.

167.4 N Som Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr R Garner - No meeting.

167.5 Clevedon Civic Society Cllr C Wring – Minutes of Executive Committee held on 19/6/12 NOTED. Additional information provided concerning the Bandstand, Jubilee seat in Marshalls Field and details of future meetings and the website.

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**TEA/12/167 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON
OUTSIDE BODIES**

167.6 Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Hall, L Knott – The Trust is waiting to hear result of HLF application. Lifeboat event last weekend well attended.

167.7 Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr L Knott - Successful application to Sports England - £50,000 for work to changing facilities and extension.

167.8 Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr C Hall – It was reported that sadly the Treasurer of the Association had died.

167.9 N Som CAB Cllr B Hatch had visited the Clevedon CAB Offices and met with Clevedon Manager and North Somerset Manager. She urged the Town Council to attend to the problems of damp within the Village Hall building as a matter of urgency and asked that temporary accommodation be sought for CAB as soon as possible. It was noted that this is being dealt with by the Environment & Property Committee and is on the agenda for the meeting next week.

167.10 Police & Communities Together Cllr P McNeill. Two recent drugs raids in Clevedon, otherwise little crime to report.

167.11 Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr L Little Meeting on 19 June considered 14 applications. Grants awarded - £125 per application. Next meeting 23 October 2012.

167.12 Clevedon Hospital Redevelopment Project Advisory Board Cllrs R Garner, P McNeill - Awaiting the decision of the Strategic Health Authority on the redevelopment plans. NOTE: Following the meeting the PCT issued a press release stating that funding for the new hospital has not now been agreed.

167.13 Clevedon Pride Cllr N Pennycott – He had been unable to attend a full meeting to date. The representative was asked to emphasise to Clevedon Pride that Clevedon Town Council has contracts and responsibilities for Christmas lights and planting therefore any input from Clevedon Pride, although welcome, should not be allowed to delay these contracts or responsibilities.

167.14 InClevedon Cllr N Pennycott reported that a meeting was being held that evening. The next meeting is on 10 September 2012. A new Chairman has been appointed and the Group is trying to get input from many of the groups and organisations in the town.

TEA/12/167 FOR INFORMATION To receive and note the following items available at the meeting;

167.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS – APRIL 2012

167.2 SOMERSET PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE – THE PLAYING FIELD

TEA/12/168 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

TEA/12/169 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

QUEENS SQUARE TREE LIGHTS – Part 1 item.

The meeting finished at 9.27 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....

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