

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2014**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Withers, Senior Green Spaces Officer, Natural Environment
Services, NSC – informal business only
PS Mark Raby - Nailsea; PCSO Justin Robbie – Nailsea;
PCSO Andy Gatenby - Clevedon

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE

MARINE LAKE

The Committee congratulated Gareth Withers, John Flannigan and the team on the excellent result of the HLF application. Mr Withers reminded Members that additional funding is still required and asked Members for suggestions.

BANDSTAND

An order has been placed for the replacement screens which should be finished at the end of July. The major work will be done off site with just 2-3 days work on site fitting the new screens. The programme of bands playing in the bandstand will continue over the summer months.

SEAFRONT RAILINGS

A Member reported the railings were in need of re-painting. Also that the vegetation along the railings towards the Sailing Club on Elton Road needed to be cut down. Mr Withers reported that this is done annually. When asked Mr Withers reported that the Community Payback Scheme had in the past found it difficult to find clients to carry out projects in North Somerset.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS PROMENADE

A Member reported damage to the fifth seat along from the wishing well.

WEST WARD

The Town Councillor for West Ward raised various issues including; Marshalls Field need for regular grass cutting, a more robust catch on the gate to Lavington Close and disruption caused by local filming including missing signs; replacement bench at The Pill; concerns about the maintenance carried out at the Cemetery.

2. CCTV PROVISION IN THE TOWN

PCSO Justin Robbie reported that he had been working with Nailsea Town Council looking at options to get the best value out of the CCTV cameras in the town. He pointed out that shops, businesses and pubs in Nailsea, Portishead and Clevedon do not have a direct link to the CCTV Control Room in Weston therefore observation requests following incidents in these towns are only generated by the Police. There were therefore concerns that local towns were paying for a system that was not being fully used. PS Mark Raby had previously worked in Weston Town Centre and seen the benefits of linking businesses direct to the Police and the NSC CCTV control room via a radio system. It was noted that Nailsea Town Council is endeavouring to raise funding to purchase the radio equipment thereby lessening the cost to traders

2. CCTV PROVISION IN THE TOWN continued who would possibly pay for installation and maintenance only. Work had also commenced on a similar system in Portishead.

PCSO Andy Gatenby had canvassed local Clevedon stores and the four supermarkets were enthusiastic as were some smaller shops pending further information regarding costs etc.

Ideally the Police would like to see all three towns with radio systems linked to the control room and if possible up and running at the same time. It could be that there would be benefits in obtaining a more competitive price on these systems.

The Committee Chairman reminded Members that NSC had invited representatives of Clevedon Town Council to a meeting the following day as part of the NSC review of the CCTV Control Room. The Town Council's view of the areas of the CCTV service they value and those for further development to be discussed.

Points raised by Members included;

- Costings for this system – *not available at present.*
- If pictures from the CCTV cameras can be used as primary evidence – *yes and the sooner incidents are reported to the Control Room then cameras can zoom in on monitor the area.*
- Anti-social behaviour outside of the town centre – *majority of shop lifting and anti-social behaviour is in the town centre.*
- Queen Square Camera partially obscured - *to be taken up with NSC.*
- Difficulties in contacting the Police – *the Control Room would provide a traceable record.*

The Police asked that changes to the CCTV system be put on hold until further discussions had taken place. A specific questions and answers session with the local Police was suggested. The Committee Chairman thanked the Police Officers for attendance and emphasised that the Town Council is supportive of the Police.

8.22 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/14/345 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr C Blades another commitment.

TEA/14/346 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TEA/14/347 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2014/15

The Committee Chairman asked for nominations for Committee Vice-Chairman;
CLLR J GELDART proposed by Cllr Knott ; seconded by Cllr Hatch VOTE: 5 FOR
CLLR G WATKINS proposed by Cllr A Shopland; seconded by Cllr Little VOTE: 4 FOR

RESOLVED: Cllr J GELDART declared Town Events & Amenities Committee Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2014/15.

TEA/14/348 CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2014/15

RESOLVED: Cllrs G Watkins, J Geldart, L Little, A Shopland re-confirmed Members of this Sub-Committee for the Council Year 2014/15.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

TEA/14/349 CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUNTING AND MURALS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2014/15.

RESOLVED: Cllrs J Geldart, B Hatch and L Knott re-confirmed Members of this Sub-Committee for the Council Year 2014/15.

TEA/14/350 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD DURING THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON 12TH MAY 2014

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.

TEA/14/351 MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2014

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.

TEA/14/352 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;

352.1 STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE

Items of concern had been highlighted to Gareth Withers. Arising from the recent filming in the town it was;

RESOLVED: To enquire as to NSC charging policies.

352.2 CCTV Provision in the Town

RESOLVED: Following the meeting with NSC the next day to arrange a Special Committee Meeting with the Police to discuss CCTV.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/14/353 SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE

353.1 MINUTES OF THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2014

The minutes were ratified subject to clarification of the nets and posts that are damaged or needing replacement (STC/14/65) and inserting Cllr Watkins name to action to approach to the Tennis Clubs and NSC re tennis coaching.

RESOLVED: To approve the following recommendations to the TEA Committee;

- Purchase and installation of litter bin as detailed £280 from TEA Tennis Courts maintenance budget.
- Purchase of two signs highlighting information, conditions of use, contact details as detailed on the draft circulated to the Committee at a total cost of £93 from TEA Tennis Courts maintenance budget.
- The legal costs for the lease to be paid from the TEA Tennis Courts budget.
- Purchase of four vinyl signs to highlight the availability of the courts, two signs to include 'free' and two without the word 'free' as there may be a charge for the courts in 2015. Cost £62.90 from TEA Tennis Courts maintenance budget.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/14/354 BUNTING & MURAL SUB-COMMITTEE

354.1 NOTES OF BUNTING AND MURAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH MAY 2014

The notes and actions were ratified

354.2 REPORT ARISING FROM THE BUNTING AND MURAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2014

The report was approved. It was noted that Lasalle will purchase and install the bunting however this would not be done until July 2014. In view of the forthcoming Primary Schools event in Queens Square on 20th June 2014 the Sub-Committee

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354.2REPORT ARISING FROM THE BUNTING AND MURAL SUB- COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JUNE 2014

made a request for £60 to purchase a small amount of bunting for this event. NSC had agreed in principle to bunting on property owned by the Council.

RESOLVED: 1.To approve the purchase of bunting up to the sum of £60 from the TEA Committee budget. 2. To give delegated authority to the Members of the Bunting & Mural Sub-Committee to arrange for the purchase and installation of this bunting and prior to installation to ensure all liability issues have been addressed.

Action: Bunting & Mural Sub-Committee

354.3TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference were approved.

TEA/14/355 ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHTS IN TREE IN QUEENS SQUARE

TEA/14/321.1 – Deferred to the next meeting.

TEA/14/356 TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TOWN ARISING FROM FILMING IN CLEVEDON

Members were pleased to note that a Clevedon resident had put forward suggestions for a Broadchurch Walking Tour. NSC is also working on a Clevedon filming locations cycling trail.

RESOLVED: To invite the resident and appropriate NSC Officers to the next meeting of the Committee.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/14/357 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL DOG BIN EMPTYING

NSC had written confirming that the dog bin emptying service costs will remain at £2 per bin per empty for the year 2014/15. NSC will continue to gather information on the servicing of litter bins and litter picking within town and parish areas and update the Town Council. The Council can then make an informed decision as to how to arrange for the emptying in the financial year 2015/16.

RESOLVED: To commence discussions on a proposed budget for 2015/16 at the next meeting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/14/358 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

Community Association Cllrs C Francis-Pester reported that further work to the kitchens is to commence in August.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr R Garner. No meeting.

Clevedon Civic Society Cllr C Wring Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2014 available together with an information sheet on Society events in June/July.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart. No meeting arranged.

RESOLVED:The Committee Chairman to speak with Mr Currie NSC.

Action: Committee Chairman

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Hall, L Knott No meeting.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr L Knott reported an increased numbers of adult novice sailors.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr G Watkins reported that the Association is holding various fund raising events. He will be joining a party visiting Ettlingen.

N Som CAB Cllr B Hatch reported that she had been invited to join the Board of Trustees. She had accompanied the Town Clerk on an inspection of the Village Hall. An Engineer's report on the back wall of the Village Hall is awaited.

TEA/14/358 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES continued...

Police & Communities Together Cllr P McNeill, J Geldart Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2014 and 3 June 2014 were available. PACT would now meet bi-monthly.

Clevedon Pride Cllr N Pennycott reported that the three groups – fund raising, planting/flowers and litter collection are working well.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr L Little reported on her attendance at a meeting on 22 April 2015 when six grants had been awarded. She also presented a copy of the annual accounts. Cllr A Shopland is now the Town Council representative.

InClevedon Cllr B Hatch. No reply from this organisation.

RESOLVED: To delete this organisation from the list on the TEA agenda.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

Clevedon Tides Festival Cllr G Watkins had attended the last meeting. Plans were in place for an improved 3 day Festival to include other areas of the town.

Clevedon Commissioning Network Cllr J Geldart reported that the last meeting had been cancelled.

TEA/14/359 FOR INFORMATION – Received and noted and available at the meeting;

359.1 Clevedon CCTV Statistics - CCTV log for March and April 2014.

359.2 Voluntary Action North Somerset Spring Newsletter.

359.3 The Rotary Club of Clevedon Yeo undertook a litter pick at Clevedon Pill/Marshalls Fields recently and hope to work on other areas of the town.

TEA/14/360 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

TEA/14/361 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.18 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....