

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
SUB-COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 9th JUNE 2017 AT 11.00 AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Stuart Bannerman, Tennis Coach from 11.00 am – 11.43 am

11.00 AM INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF USE OF COURTS BY TENNIS ACADEMY

Mr Bannerman spoke positively of the sessions so far. At present around 24 young people were taking part, the highest number being the youngest 3-7 age group. Most of the players were from Clevedon however there were also families from surrounding towns and villages. 80% of the players were new people previously unknown to Mr Bannerman.

He had also had lots of enquiries for the free taster tennis for kids sessions and is currently holding two of these sessions now and has plans for two more in August 2017. Mr Bannerman is also planning tennis summer camps. He emphasised that no one wishing to play tennis casually while coaching is taking place is turned away. Mr Bannerman had purchased a pop up gazebo to provide shelter in wet weather. The distance of the courts from the public toilets was highlighted.

2. APPLICATION TO SPORT ENGLAND

Mr Bannerman drew attention to the need to re-surface the courts in the future. The courts were playable and the children were not at risk however the surface is breaking up and brushing away the loose stones made the situation worse. Mr Bannerman had obtained a top end quote to re-surface all three courts with macadam (an updated version of the current playing surface which is very durable with no regular maintenance requirements) replace nets and posts total cost approximately £30,000. It is generally estimated that it will cost £6,000 per court to resurface. Wesport had advised that funding is available from the Sport England Community Asset Fund which was launched in January. There did not appear to be funding available from the LTA. Funding provided by Sport England would require match funding. Mr Bannerman would be happy to provide any information required for the application.

The Committee Chairman thanked Mr Bannerman for his work with young tennis players on the Town Council's courts and emphasised that resurfacing the courts was an aspiration however it would be necessary to investigate the viability in the first instance.

11.43 AM FORMAL BUSINESS

STC/17/143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Sub-Committee members present.

STC/17/144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

STC/17/145 MINUTES

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 29th March 2017 were approved and signed by the Sub-Committee Chairman.

STC/17/146 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;

146.1 REVIEW OF USE OF COURTS BY TENNIS ACADEMY See Informal Business above

It was reported that there had been no communications with the Town Council from local people or organisations concerned about the use of the tennis courts. The coaching had been well received by the public.

RESOLVED: To continue to monitor this new use of the tennis courts.

146.2 APPLICATION TO SPORT ENGLAND

It was noted that the current requests for funding from the Community Asset Fund far exceeds the current year's budget also that an application of this type would take a great deal of time to prepare.

RESOLVED: 1. Committee Chairman to contact Mr Fairchild at NSC to ascertain what permissions would be required to resurface the courts and to discuss the current arrangements regarding coaching.

2. Councillor Starr to assist the Deputy Town Clerk in drafting an expression of interest to ascertain whether this project would fulfil the criteria for an application to Sports England.

3. To add to the agenda of the meeting with NSC concerning s106 monies, the allocation of s106 from the Clevedon Hall development for the tennis courts.

STC/17/147 UPDATE ON OTHER ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING;

147.2 REPLACEMENT SEATS STC/17/138.1 The seats had been delivered and would be installed in the next few days.

147.1 SIGNAGE FOR TENNIS COURTS ON ELTON ROAD STC/17/138.2 NSC had agreed that advertisement consent would not be required as the sign did not exceed 1.55 square metres. Gareth Withers at NSC had indicated that the best place for the sign would be towards the top of the tennis courts boundary fencing above the hedge on Elton Road. The cost of installing the sign at this location would be £60.

RESOLVED: To install the sign at this location and accept the quotation of £60. The wording on the sign to read 'Tennis Courts Free to Play' to include the town crest. The sign to be installed as soon as possible.

STC/17/148 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information.

STC/17/149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 21st July 2017 at 11.00 am.

The meeting finished at 12.05 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE: