

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 26th MAY 2010**

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs C Blades, L Little, P McNeill, T Morgan, N Pennycott.
Committee Clerk – Mrs Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Banbury Senior Area Officer (North))NSC
Mr G Withers Senior Officer Green Spaces (Parks & Open)
Spaces, Local Nature Reserves) Update
Mr G Evans – Structures)
Ms G Smith NSC Play Development Officer & Leanne – Play Ranger
NSC Playbuilder Project

7.30 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. **NSC UPDATE**

SEAFRONT RAILINGS The installation of the parapet is now well underway and should be completed by 5-6 June. The promenade to be cleared for this Bank Holiday weekend. The contractor will be providing four metal litter bins to match the railings. The striping along the wall would be power washed off at the end of the project. Members were pleased with the new railings.

FENCING ON SEAFRONT ADJACENT TO CRAZY GOLF COURSE Railings from the seafront to be fitted at the beginning of June. Members highlighted the poor state of the crazy golf concession.

QUEENS SQUARE PUBLIC TOILETS – Cleanliness and maintenance had improved.

QUEENS SQUARE ELECTRICITY POINTS – NSC had now facilitated the repair of the vandalised electricity points, this work had been signed off and certificates provided stating that the points were working. It was important that the trip switches in the toilets were checked in the first instance if the electric points were not working in the future. The problem of checking the ampage of equipment plugged into the electric points in the Square would be discussed with the Clerk. **ACTION: CTC**

MARINE LAKE Committee Chairman is having ongoing discussions with NSC concerning finance. Mr Evans is compiling a report which would be available at the end of the month. To carry out long term repairs could cost £300,000 - £400,000. A member queried the use of the lake. Mr Withers reported that the Lake is well used by four regular clubs. He also outlined the possibility of applying for Heritage Lottery Funding specifically for people and parks projects and to encourage promenading. Possible funding of up to £5m could be used for the whole seafront and Marine Lake. Community support and involvement would be a requirement. **ACTION : NSC**

FINGERPOST SIGN ON SEAFRONT opposite Five The Beach - Work started.

WAINS HILL Rubbish and glass still a problem. NSC agreed to clear the area before the May Bank Holiday weekend. **ACTION: NSC**

RIVER LAND YEO ADJACENT TO HEALTH CENTRE No further problems.

LITTER BIN NEXT TO SEAT ON GREEN AREA ADJACENT TO WALTON PARK HOTEL
No record of bin in this vicinity in recent years. Also this is a hazardous place for a refuse collection lorry to stop to empty bin. Concern that the litter bins in the nearby car park on Bay Road are frequently vandalised also there appeared to be little rubbish on this green area. It was proposed that a bin be sited at the top of the green area by the road. Mr Withers to provide a detailed quotation for the bin, installation and collection charges.

ACTION: NSC

SERCOMBE PARK – Rusted posts removed.

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1. **NSC UPDATE** continued...

FLAGS The flags at Salthouse Fields had been replaced however due to the work along The Beach these flags had not been replaced. NSC to organise this when work is complete. **ACTION: NSC**

PIER COPSE Work has commenced and should be finished within the month.

2. **NORTH SOMERSET PLAYBUILDER PROJECT**

Ms Smith introduced the government funded project to redevelop 22 play areas in total in North Somerset. The project is aimed at the 8-14 age group promoting natural play facilities made with wooden materials. The aim of the scheme being to encourage community ownership of parks and green open spaces. This is the second year of the project and 12 more sites are to be completed by December this year. It is hoped to include a site in Clevedon this year. Rob Warren, Leanne and the PCSOs had started the process by consulting with young people at The Barn concerning a small area near The Barn. However residents living nearby had raised objections.

Ms Smith asked for the views of the Committee on a location for the project which would need to be established in June at the latest. To assist with the tight timescale the site would need to be part of a play area. She also suggested that 2-3 members be identified to liaise with NSC on this project. If not she would report back to the full committee.

Members enquired about the responsibility of maintenance of these new play facilities at a time of budget cuts at NSC. Ms Smith stated that the NSC Executive Members for Strategic Planning, Highways, Economic Development & Housing and Children and Young People's Services had agreed that NSC would take on this responsibility. She also confirmed that the new equipment would have a longer lifespan. It was highlighted to Ms Smith that there had been issues in Clevedon where play equipment had been removed and either not replaced or replaced after a long period without any equipment. One member felt maintenance of existing play areas should be a priority rather than new initiatives. Ms Smith commented that the maintenance contract for play equipment was small for the whole of North Somerset.

With regard to The Barn site members felt residents in that area had raised objections in the past concerning the siting of the youth club, a proposal for a skate park and latterly the Children's Centre and recycling area. To consider developing a play area on what could only be a small site because of the close proximity to residential properties could not be recommended. The only other site put forward by members is Salthouse Fields adjacent to the existing play areas.

Ms Smith asked for Councillors to forward any further suggestions regarding possible sites.

8.37 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/10/26 APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Dagnall, L Knott, E Blades – all on holiday.

TEA/10/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

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

TEA/10/28 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN 2010/2011

The Committee Chairman called for nominations.

Proposed by Cllr Blades, seconded by Cllr McNeill Councillor N Pennycott

RESOLVED: Cllr Pennycott declared Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2010/2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

TEA/10/30 UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON AGENDA

30.1 NOTICEBOARD FOR QUEENS SQUARE TEA/10/18 Now in place and being used.

30.2 CLEVEDON MUGA FACILITY TEA/10/21 The Committee were disappointed that the project could not commence until 2011 when the tennis court concession ends.

RESOLVED: To confirm date concession ends, purchase and set up costs of MUGA and planning requirements for the next meeting.

TEA/10/31 ITEMS ARISING FROM NSC UPDATE - See Informal Business above
MARINE LAKE The possibility of redeveloping this area was discussed.

RESOLVED: To await confirmation of the base cost of the works to the Lake.

TEA/10/32 ITEMS ARISING FROM NORTH SOMERSET PLAYBUILDER PROJECT

See Informal Business above. No further discussion.

TEA/10/33 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**33.1 HILL ROAD 2010/11**

RESOLVED: Committee Chairman and Clerks to meet with the Traders at 6.00 pm on 15 June 2010.

33.2 WRING FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE TEA/10/23.2 It was noted the Clerk will hold further discussions with the Pier Mistress now that she has returned from holiday.

TEA/10/34 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2010/2011

The budget statement was received and NOTED.

TEA/10/35 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR QUEENS SQUARE ENHANCEMENT 2010/11

Members considered the Clerk's report of items purchased from this budget allocation without the approval of this Committee.

RESOLVED: On this occasion to retrospectively approve the purchase of planting materials/plants in the sum of £107.93 and thank the provider of the goods for their forbearance in the payment of this invoice.

TEA/10/36 QUEENS SQUARE ELECTRICITY POINTS – See Informal Business above

As these electricity points had originally been installed by NSC on NSC land and now repaired by them it would not be necessary to allocate part of the Queens Square Enhancement Budget to the maintenance of these electric points.

RESOLVED: 1. To assess the equipment used by the Markets and users of the Queens Square. The Property Committee to consider how this should be carried out.
2. To look at the Queens Square Booking Forms with regard to the use of electricity points and notification of faults/tripping etc.

TEA/10/37 DOG WASTE BIN CENTRAL WAY

A resident living close to one of the Community Plan dog bins which is sited near the Central Way underpass had written complaining that the bin is not emptied regularly.

RESOLVED: To take this matter up with the Contractor and ensure it is emptied in line with the contract.

TEA/10/38 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 38.1 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** Cllr McNeill highlighted the problem with the roof in the bar. The Finance & General Policy Committee of the Council had now agreed a grant towards this work.
- 38.2 CURZON CINEMA** – Representatives unable to attend last meeting.
- 38.3 STRODE CENTRE USER CTTEE** – No meeting.
- 38.4 N SOM SAFETY & COASTAL ADVISORY GROUP** – No meeting.
- 38.5 CLEVEDON CIVIC SOCIETY** – No report.
- 38.6 CLEVEDON PIER TRUST** Committee Chairman report the Trust will be submitting a revised grant application in due course. The Trust is also re-costing the structural work for submission to NSC.
- 38.7 CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB CTTE** – No report.
- 38.8 N SOM CAB** – No report
- 38.9 POLICE & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER** Cllr P McNeill reported that the Police had informed the meeting of two ASBOs issued in Clevedon and environmental noise problems concerning Sawyers Court.
- 39.10 GWILLIAM & WOODWARD TRUST** Cllr L Little reported on the April AGM when a grant of £200 had also been made.
- 39.11 CLEVEDON HOSPITAL** – No report.
- 39.12 CLEVEDON LEARNING NETWORK** Cllr Dagnall had reported the meeting had been cancelled.
- 39.13 COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITIES GROUP (Swiss Valley Sports Centre)** Cllr N Pennycott reported there had been no further meeting.
- RESOLVED:** To invite Mr Russ Currie (NSC) to the next meeting to discuss the reduction in finance to Sports Centres and in particular Swiss Valley.

TEA/10/40 FOR INFORMATION The Committee received and noted;

40.1 CLEVEDON CCTV STATISTICS for March 2010 available.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

The meeting finished at 9.18 pm

DATE:.....

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