

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST 2015

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs c Blades, J Cook, G Hill, L Little, J Norton-Sealey,
K O'Brien, A Shopland from 8.42 pm, G Watkins.
Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs D Flint, B Hatch
Mr R Currie - NSC Leisure & Culture Client Manager
Mr S Harrison – Town Crier Competition
Ms S Pearse – RFO WSM Town Council observing the meeting as part of her CILCA course.
Mrs P Heath – Town Clerk

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. NSC STREET & OPEN SPACES UPDATE – Mr G Withers, NSC Senior Green Spaces Officer had sent his apologies as he had another meeting. His report on items listed at the end of the agenda was given under items arising from informal business.
2. STRODE LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE TEA/15/458 – Mr R Currie had been invited by the Committee to discuss future meetings of the Centre's User Group which had not met for some time, the long term plans for the site and the structure of the building.

Mr Currie reminded Members that NSC is responsible for the fabric of the building and major items of plant. A £330,000 refurbishment of the wet side changing rooms had recently been completed to give these areas a well needed upgrade. Initially there had been a number of snags that had now been remedied by the Contractor. Some of the amelioration works had been temporary, trying out different systems and decisions were being taken on these temporary works. Various other improvements had been made including new boiler, air circulation pump, poolside tiles, edging on the roof to prevent maintenance workers falling from the roof when attending to any water ingress. The number of clients using the Centre had not increased following the upgrade works but remained the same. The contract for the management of the building is subject to renewal in 2017. NSC Leisure Services is investigating opportunities to generate more income to preserve the building in future however this would not include increasing the charges to users of the Centre or any diminution of the facilities. The only services that may be at risk would be those that are under used or not viable.

A Member who is a regular user of the Centre raised various cleaning concerns; broken tiles at the poolside with a barrier around the area which had been in place for several months; and the poor quality of the hairdryers. Mr Currie AGREED to take these matters up with the Contractor in charge of the day to day running of the Centre. He also AGREED to arrange a meeting of the User Group prior to the new contract arrangements being finalised. Mr Currie was thanked for attending and updating Members. He left the meeting.

7.42 pm Cllr A Shopland joined the meeting.

7.47 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

TEA/15/462 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Geldart, T Morgan, M Harriott – out of Clevedon.

TEA/15/463 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TEA/15/464 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th JUNE 2015

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.

TEA/15/465 UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16

The information was NOTED.

TEA/15/466 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE

466.1 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES Mr Withers had forwarded the following information;

MARINE LAKE – Work ongoing. The Lake will be available at the Tides Festival except for the children's play area of the Lake which will be fenced off to be finished after the Festival.

POETS WALK – REQUEST DISABLED ACCESS Cllr Blades confirmed that his only request was for railings alongside the steps not a ramp.

RESOLVED: To follow this up with Mr Withers.

SEAFRONT FLAGS – Now in place.

RESOLVED: To request a New Zealand flag to commemorate Clevedon in New Zealand.

SEAFRONT RAILINGS – Confirmation that the re-painting of the railings is on the list to be done.

RESOLVED: To enquire about the contract for this work and request an indication of the timescale.

BANDSTAND – Blocking primer being applied to affected panels this week.

466.2 STRODE LEISURE CENTRE

The NSC Councillor for Clevedon West Ward, a member of the User Group, emphasised that there had been substantial progress with the snagging works over the last few months.

RESOLVED: To follow up the actions agreed with Mr Currie during informal business and request that the next meeting of the User Group is advertised well in advance.

TEA/15/467 CLEVEDON TOWN CRIER COMPETITION TEA/15/454.2

The competition had now been arranged for Saturday 12th September 2015 starting at 11.30 am in Queens Square. Mr Harrison informed Members that to date there were two competitors. The Chairman of Council had been asked to be a member of the judging panel. Details of the rules of the competition and the judging procedure are available on the website dmevents.org. Also on the website are the Terms and Conditions of the position of Town Crier which had been agreed with the Town Clerk. Received without comment.

TEA/15/468 REPORT OF THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY 2015

The minutes were ACCEPTED by the Committee.

468.1 EXPENDITURE

It was NOTED that the sweeping of the courts and removal of the loose stones had been delayed until the works compound for Marine Lake had been removed as vehicle access to the courts was impeded and this would result in additional expense.

RESOLVED: To agree the purchase of two banners to advertise the availability of the courts at a cost of £84.82 from the Tennis Courts maintenance allocation in the TEA Committee budget.

TEA/15/469 REPORT OF THE TOWN CENTRE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2015

The minutes were ACCEPTED by the Committee. It was NOTED that letters to traders were being drafted by both the Town Council and Clevedon Chamber of Trade.

TEA/15/470 CLEVEDON ILLUSTRATED MAP TEA/15/455

The revised maps had been received from the printer and circulated to Committee Members.

TEA/15/471 QUEENS SQUARE PRINTED PICTURES TEA/14/398

A revised quotation for artwork, printing, mounting, vandal proof coating and installation of seven historical images of Clevedon had risen to £150 each rather than £50. The original specification had been incorrect.

RESOLVED: To DEFER consideration to the next meeting and look at this quote in the context of the Committee budget.

TEA/15/472 S106 FUNDING – CLEVEDON TEA/15/418

The reply from NSC confirmed the following;

- NSC is happy to work with the Town Council in relation to Section 106 funding to other parties to deliver project where required.
- S106 forms need to be completed and submitted to the relevant NSC Case Officer as part of the Town Council planning consultation response. Not when planning consent has been granted.
- The proposed S106 project should help to answer a problem that is directly caused by the development.
- The S106 projects suggested by the Town Council deal with existing problems or problems created by general growth and therefore not suitable for S106 unless the Town Council can provide additional justification to link the projects to a specific planning application that comes forward in the future.
- Information about the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Level (CIL) this will be after the adoption of the NSC Core Strategy. CIL could be used to support items on the Town Council wish list.

RESOLVED: The Planning Committee to keep this information in mind when considering developments to which S106 applies.

TEA/15/473 SECOND WEEKLY EMPTYING OF DOG BINS TEA/15/456

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the second weekly emptying of dog bins had commenced on 18th June 2015. As previously agreed this would be for 20 weeks ending at the end of October 2015. The collections now take place each Thursday and Sunday, the only days that were possible for the Contractor. Since the second emptying had started there were only 4 occasions where there was waste outside of the bin. The cost of purchasing and installing larger 66 litre dog waste bins would be

TEA/15/473 SECOND WEEKLY EMPTYING OF DOG BINS CONTINUED...

£243.80 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: To consider the purchase of larger dog waste bins where the bins are well used when the Committee budget for 2016/17 is discussed.

TEA/15/474 ESMOND GROVE CRICKET FIELD TEA/15/457.1

The Deputy Town Clerk reported a conversation with the NSC Principal Environmental Health Officer who had confirmed that there had been an improvement with regard to dog fouling on the cricket field although the Cricket Club is still keen to pursue dogs on leads legislation. NSC would be contacting town and parish councils prior to the implementation of Public Space Protection Orders and there would be a lengthy consultation period to enable local councils to review existing dog control orders. The information was NOTED.

TEA/15/475 2015 SUMMER FLOWER BEDDING REPORT

The report from the Flower Bed Contractor was NOTED.

475.1 REPLACEMENT PLANTERS The Contractor had highlighted the need to consider a programme for replacing the wooden barrel planters in Queens Square. These had had five years use.

RESOLVED: To investigate the cost of planters and the possibility of sponsorship.

TEA/15/476 2016 SPRING FLOWER BEDDING DESIGN

RESOLVED: To continue the colour scheme previously agreed – hot colours one year and cool colours the next. 2016 to be cool colours.

TEA/15/477 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE**BODIES;**

Community Association Cllrs C Francis-Pester reported that improvements were continuing. It was now hoped to improve signage to the building and clear overgrown vegetation. Volunteers were required to assist.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr A Giles-Townsend had been unable to attend the last meeting. Minutes to be requested.

Clevedon Civic Society Cllr J West had met with Mr H Stebbings, Mr B Hardcastle and Mr J Tranter. She reported that the Civic Society is willing to be involved in a Neighbourhood Plan.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart see informal business.

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllr C Francis-Pester reported that the share scheme would be launched soon with plans for an open evening on 14th August to raise local interest. A grant from BIFFA would not now be available following a change in criteria for grants.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr B Hatch reported on the balcony opening.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr G Watkins had sent an invitation to the Major of Ettlingen to celebrate 35 years of twinning. He planned a reception at the Council House for 7.30 pm on Friday 18th September 2015.

N Som CAB Cllr B Hatch had been unable to obtain a report from CAB.

Police & Communities Together Cllr G Hill reported that parking had been discussed at the meeting on 21 July 2015. The Police were continuing to issue parking tickets. It had also been reported that the rate of crime in the town was at a record low.

TEA/15/477 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES; CONTINUED...

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr A Shopland reported that the last meeting had been cancelled as no applications had been received. The next meeting is in October.

Clevedon Tides Festival Cllr B Hatch had attended the last meeting. There were numerous ideas and activities for the Festival this year. Fund raising using the 100 cards had not been successful to date.

Clevedon Commissioning Network Cllr J Geldart No report.

MARLENS Trustees Cllr D Flint reported there had been no change since representatives had last reported to the TEA Committee.

Farmers' Market Co-op Cllr J West had contacted the Group and would be voted in at their October meeting.

TEA/15/478 FOR INFORMATION The Committee received and noted the following items which were available at the meeting

478.1 FUN DAYS INFORMATION 2015

478.2 CENTENARY FIELDS PROGRAMME – TEA/15/435 No response to date.

478.3 CCTV LOGS FOR MAY AND JUNE 2015

TEA/15/479 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman items for information only.

TEA/15/480 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no Part I items.

The meeting finished at 8.33 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....