

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
Cllrs C Blades, J Cook, J Geldart, G Hill, L Little, T Morgan,  
A Shopland, G Watkins. Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr D Shopland,  
Mr J Turner - Visit Somerset; Mr G Withers, NSC Senior Green  
Spaces Officer – Informal Business only

**7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. **VISIT SOMERSET PRESENTATION**

Mr Turner Chief Executive Officer gave the presentation highlighting;

- The change in tourism from the public sector to the private sector. Previously funding streams had been very confusing.
- Visit Somerset is a private company with Destination Management Organisation status, part of the South West Tourism Forum, the Visit England Team and the South West Tourism Growth Fund promoting the south west internationally. Also part of the Hinckley Tourism Action Partnership
- Large representation of attractions across the county also many well know people acting as ambassadors for Visit Somerset ie Michael Eavis, Simon King etc.
- Somerset is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest county in the UK and Visit Somerset has a large representation of unitary authorities and district councils. Keynsham, Frome and Street Town Councils have also recently joined. With one brand responsible for marketing the region's destinations this can help to realise the county's potential. NB 34,000 jobs connected with tourism in the county.
- The website is the 12<sup>th</sup> most successful web domain in the UK
- The app has presently 6,000 downloads
- 37,500 followers on social media
- A professional printed brochure was presented to Members.
- Visit Somerset had an exhibition at the NEC for the Camping and Caravan Show.
- A launch on 11 May in the Houses of Parliament of an ebook by Ian Brodie MBE of the History, Heritage, Food and Drink of Somerset.
- Cost to join £1,000 per annum for a dedicated page for Clevedon and links to social media and inclusion in the newsletter.

Mr Turner answered questions from Members and agreed to attend further meetings to go into the detail of what Visit Somerset could specifically offer Clevedon.

2. **NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE – Mr G Withers reported;**

**MARINE LAKE- *the work to be done to the upper wall of Marine Lake by the Salthouse pub, as the WIP notice states this would be repaired by a third party – who and when?***

NSC is responsible for the repair and maintenance of this area of the wall however improvement of the structure is subject to Environment Agency grant aid. The NSC Councillor for West Ward asked that a meeting be arranged with the Environment Agency to look at the area where dump bags are usually installed when there is a risk of flooding.

**MARINE LAKE RAILINGS** Confirmation that the first four posts will be removed.

**FLAGS ON THE BEACH ADJACENT TO THE PIER –** The flagpoles in this area cannot be changed to those that can be lowered as there are lights attached therefore the cost of the cherry picker to change the flags is prohibitive. However Mr Withers confirmed that the flags would be replaced by Easter. It was noted that the replacement of the flags along the Salthouse Fields is now the responsibility of MARLENS.

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LOVERS WALK – *State of fencing and path.* Mr Withers to consult with NSC Public Rights of Way Department.

SEAFRONT RAILINGS – *Timescale for work.* Due to further budget cuts this work had not been possible. NSC is now concentrating on priority projects with health and safety implications. The possibility of NSC being the facilitator of works and not the provider was raised. Also the opportunities presented by Clevedon 2020 and the Coastal Community Fund which could facilitate the work in with a comprehensive plan.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS – *Damage to area used as a works compound for Marine Lake.* Reinstatement work has been agreed but it is currently too wet to start this work. The compaction of the ground will also be addressed. To investigate the drainage of the whole of Salthouse Fields would be very expensive.

COASTAL FOOTPATH CLEVEDON TO WESTON SUPER MARE – Mr Withers confirmed that this is a Central Government initiative and it is progressing however work by the Environment Agency at Tutshill Sluice had delayed the project which is unlikely to be completed until at least 2017/18. Mr Withers emphasised that it is Natural England that is involved in this coastal path.

**RESOLVED:** To meet with representatives from Natural England to enquire about the progress of this path. **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

#### 8.43 pm **FORMAL BUSINESS**

##### **TEA/16/513 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Harriott – out of Clevedon.

##### **TEA/16/514 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were not declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

##### **TEA/16/515 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

##### **TEA/16/516 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16**

The information was NOTED.

#### **PART 1**

##### **TEA/16/517 TO CONSIDER USE OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF SECTION 106 MONIES**

NSC had highlighted that the sum of £1,513 is available to be spent **specifically** on a bowling, tennis or a community hall project.

**RESOLVED:** TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a request is made that the sum of £1,513 is allocated to improvements to the Salthouse Fields tennis courts namely public seats and court relining. **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

#### **PART 2**

##### **TEA/16/518 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE:**

518.1 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION BY VISIT SOMERSET

**RESOLVED:** Prior to obtaining a more detailed breakdown as to exactly what Visit Somerset can provide specifically for Clevedon to consult with the local trading organisations and attractions.

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**NB:** As representatives of the local trading organisations and The Pier are members of the Clevedon 2020 to consult these organisations at their next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**ACTION: Town Clerk**

#### 518.2 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE

No further actions agreed.

### **TEA/16/519 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

The Committee Chairman reported that the current Christmas Lights Contractor is unable to attend the next meeting of the Sub-Committee but he will be meeting with him prior to that meeting to look any works required prior to going out to tender this year.

### **TEA/16/520 DOG BINS**

520.1 TOWN COUNCIL DOG WASTE BIN EMPTYING CONTRACT The Deputy Town Clerk reported that, according to the Contractor's monitoring reports, over the last two months over half of the bins had been full when emptied twice weekly and only on two occasions had there been waste outside of a bin. Members considered that the twice weekly dog bin emptying over the winter months was certainly justified.

520.2 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN A resident from Sercombe Park had written requesting the Town Council provide a dog bin between Sercombe Park and Tutton Way as people leave dog faeces in bags on bushes rather than walk to the dog bin on Tutton Way. The local residents of Sercombe Park had offered to be responsible for emptying the dog bin. The need to encourage people in that area to be more responsible and make use of the dog bins provided was highlighted.

**RESOLVED:** Not to agree to this request as 1) there is a dog waste bin not far away on Tutton Way; 2) the emptying of the Council dog waste bins has to be done by a Contractor with a Waste Movement Certificate to ensure the waste is disposed of in a proper manner.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

520.3 DOG WASTE BIN – TEIGNMOUTH ROAD – A local resident had drawn attention to the thick mud around the bin at the corner of Beaconsfield and Teignmouth Roads.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange for the bin to be located nearer to the footpath.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

### **TEA/16/521 CONTRACT FOR PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SPECIFIED FLOWER BEDS, TUBS AND PLANTERS IN CLEVEDON TEA/15/505**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the schedule of summer bedding costs. The schedule had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Total cost £7,842 to be funded from the TEA Committee budget for 2016/17.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

### **TEA/16/522 QUEENS SQUARE AND OLD STREET PLANTERS TEA/15/506**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Clevedon Pride had now confirmed that they would pay for one of the planters in Queens Square - £343.11. The Town Council to pay for the other three planters for Queens Square total cost £1029.33 excluding VAT as previously agreed.

**RESOLVED:** In addition to accept the quotation for a smaller planter for Old Street at a cost of £161.50. The cost of all 4 planters to be funded from the TEA Committee budget for 2015/16 from the Queens Square enhancement allocation and remainder vired from the Salthouse Fields Tennis Courts allocation.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/16/523 MOTION FROM CLLR D SHOPLAND TO COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE PROVISION OF A YOUTH SHELTER ON SALTHOUSE FIELDS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MUGA AND SKATEBOARD PARK**

This motion had been referred from the Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Cllr Shopland considered that prior to investigating the exact location and specification for the proposed shelter full Council should be asked whether it is in agreement to spending up to £10,000 on a youth shelter.

**RESOLVED:** In view of a recent article in the North Somerset Times highlighting a petition requesting consideration of a revamp of the skate park to defer consideration of this motion to the next meeting of the TEA Committee.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/16/524 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

The National Association of Local Councils had written encouraging local councils to consider lighting a beacon/traditional bonfire on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

**RESOLVED:** To ask local organisations – The Lions, Rotary Club and Round Table whether they wished to formally undertake and manage this event to commemorate The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TEA/16/525 TO SET UP A WORKING GROUP TO COMMENCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

Members recalled that the Town Council is currently allocating £500 per year towards this event in 2018.

**RESOLVED:** Working Group Members – Cllrs C Francis-Pester, A & D Shopland and the Town Clerk.

**TEA/16/526 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;**

**Community Association** Cllr J Norton-Sealey reported that a Garden Party is being organised to commemorate The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group** – No meeting.

**Clevedon Civic Society** – No meeting.

**Strode Leisure Centre User Group** Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart

A letter had been written to the Chief Executive of NSC as agreed at Council on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015. A reply had been received suggesting a date for a meeting. All Councillors to be invited to a full Council meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 pm.

**RESOLVED:** 1) Agenda for the meeting to include; Current maintenance and services issues and future provision. 2) The details of the meeting to be included in the Town Council Newsletter.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**Clevedon Pier Trust** Cllr C Francis-Pester reported that the meeting is the next day.

**Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte** – No report.

**Clevedon Twinning Association** Cllr G Watkins reported that there are spaces available for the Epernay trip.

**N Som CAB** Cllr B Hatch - Financial Accounts and other information available.

**Police & Communities Together** Cllr G Hill reported on the PACT meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Police had reported that the local area had been very quiet over the Christmas and New Year period. The Police are targeting parking on Highdale Road and Highdale Avenue and also Holly Lane.

**Police & Communities Together** continued...

Minutes of PACT meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 & December 2015 update were available together with Clevedon Neighbourhood Watch minutes of 11 January 2016.

**Gwilliam & Woodward Trust** Cllr A Shopland No meeting.

**Clevedon Tides Festival** Cllrs C Francis-Pester, B Hatch, G Watkins No meeting.

**Clevedon Commissioning Network** Cllr J Geldart No meeting.

**MARLENS Trustees** – vacancy. Full Council to appoint unless the current representative can now attend meetings.

**Farmers’ Market Co-op** Cllr J West No report.

**TEA/16/527 CCTV LOGS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015**

The logs were NOTED.

**TEA/16/528 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no Chairman items for information.

**TEA/15/512 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

Part I item – agenda item 11 Section 106 monies.

The meeting finished at 9.35 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....