

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SUB-COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS**

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 9.00 AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

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

**STC/16/105 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Sub-Committee members present.

**STC/16/106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**STC/16/107 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were approved and signed by the Sub-Committee Chairman.

**STC/16/107 TO REPORT ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

107.1 MAINTENANCE OF TENNIS COURTS – Previously agreed work to be carried out in March 2016.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk to follow up as no date as yet.**

**NB:** Work had been carried out on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

107.2 BENCH REPAIRS – In place. Thanks to Cllr Shopland.

107.3 ADDITIONAL SIGNS ON ELTON ROAD – Purchased and erected last summer. Now in need of replacement. Some discussion on the size and type of signs to be erected as the previous signs had not coped very well with the high winds on the seafront. It was suggested that perhaps Cllr Shopland's poster could be used as template. It was felt the signs should be purchased soon as Easter and the tennis season is approaching.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Geldart to discuss with the previous provider of the tennis courts signs what other materials and sizes could be used also costings. Cllr Geldart to report back to The Committee Chairman and Deputy Town Clerk next week. It was felt the budget should not exceed £200.

107.4 POSTERS – These were designed by Cllr Shopland but it was not possible to display them all over the town in 2015. Cllr Geldart had submitted a publicity item for the next Town Council newsletter.

**RESOLVED:** 1. Cllr Shopland with assistance if required from Cllr Geldart to distribute posters to the Strode Centre, Community Centre, Barn, YMCA, Schools etc. 2. Cllr Geldart to investigate possible articles in Publishing Today and Gordano Living publications.

107.5 CLEVEDON FLOWER SHOW & TIDES FESTIVAL – The Clevedon Town Council table at the Flower Show was used to promote the courts.

**RESOLVED:** To promote the tennis courts at these events. To be discussed at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in June.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE AND TEA

### **STC/16/108 TO CONSIDER USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES FOR SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS**

108.1 RE-PAINTING OF THE TENNIS COURT LINES Two quotations had now been received - £525 + VAT and £544.50 + VAT.

**RESOLVED:** Subject to agreement by the Town Events & Amenities Committee, to accept the quotation for £544.50 to re-paint all three courts as this Contractor had carried out work for the Town Council in the past. To be funded from the section 106 monies and carried out after the maintenance work.

108.2 TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT BENCHES

Members considered the quotations. The cheapest being £199.00 - Sturdy Bench. Members discussed alternative uses of this funding – a training/publicity event, permanent signs, new nets.

**RESOLVED:** To investigate; 1) The deadline for spending the s106 funding and whether it could be spent on the alternative items. 2) To investigate the full cost of 3 benches – fixing, delivery etc.

### **STC/16/109 PUBLICITY OF THE TENNIS COURTS**

There were lengthy discussions on the use of the courts to coach tennis and how much regular use is made of the courts by residents. There were two new possibilities;

- Use by a local tennis coach who would charge for coaching and then give a donation towards the courts. The Committee Chairman was awaiting further information on this proposal.

**RESOLVED:** 1. The Committee Chairman to investigate further although it was agreed that coaching should be restricted so as to not interfere too much with public access to the courts

2. The Deputy Town Clerk to investigate possible changes to the business rates for the tennis courts as a result of coaching sessions.

- Tennis For Free – A charity that promotes the use of free tennis courts in the UK, free equipment and free coaching.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Geldart to pursue an expression of interest in this charity.

### **STC/16/110 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no Chairman's items for information.

### **STC/16/111 TO ARRANGE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

10.00 am 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The meeting finished at 10.03 am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE: .....