

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**

**SUB-COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS**

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2013 AT 10.10 AM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44  
OLD STREET.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Geldart, L Little, G Watkins

**STC/13/9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**STC/13/10 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 10 July 2013 were approved and signed by the Sub-Committee Chairman.

**STC/13/11 REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING;**

- 13/11.1      **OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS TABLE – CONTACT WITH PING**  
Cllr Geldart reported that Ping had now allocated all the funding for table tennis tables this year and had recently launched outdoor table tennis provision in 13 cities including Bristol. An outdoor table tennis table (not concrete) could be obtained via their contacts for less than £500. It was generally felt that perhaps a seafront location was not appropriate for table tennis due to high winds. A suggestion was made that a better location may be in Herbert Gardens.  
**RESOLVED:** To refer this back to the TEA Committee for further consideration and take this item out of the future remit of the Sub-Committee.
- 13/11.2      **SPORT ENGLAND WEBSITE – GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS**  
The Sub-Committee Chairman had printed information on the Sport England Inspired Facilities grant application process. Parish and Town Councils can apply for grants worth between £20,000 and £50,000. As stated at the previous meeting the last tranche of funding applications starts this autumn and closes on 16 December 2013.  
  
The fact that the funding could only be used to fund not for profit schemes was highlighted as there would be a charge for use of the tennis courts by the public. However it was felt any income received would be used to cover revenue/maintenance costs.  
  
Another concern was the requirement to provide evidence of need for the facility and how this could be established bearing in mind the poor state of the tennis courts in recent years. Also there was some concern that the present licence arrangement could discourage use of the courts due to cost and the fact the courts are locked most of the time.  
**RESOLVED:** Sub-Committee Chairman to contact Sport England to discuss the requirements for the evidence of need.
- 13/11.3      **REPLY FROM NSC – POSSIBLE GRANT FROM COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND**  
Darren Fairchild had spoken with the appropriate NSC Officer who had 'indicated that a proposal for the town council to take the courts on is likely to

be supported and that there would be some funds available.’ He is still trying to ascertain exactly how much funding that might be.

**RESOLVED:** Sub-Committee Chairman to contact Darren Fairchild when he returns from leave to obtain more information on the amount of funding.

**STC/13/12 TO CONTINUE TO DRAW UP A PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE REMAINING TENNIS COURTS AT SALTHOUSE FIELDS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE TEA COMMITTEE**

Members felt they were not in a position to make a recommendation to the TEA Committee until they had received further information from NSC and Sport England. Also Members are still debating whether some of the tennis courts should have the option for use for other purposes as well as tennis.

**RESOLVED:** To present the minutes of the last two meetings to the next TEA Committee.

**STC/13/13 CHAIRMAN’S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no items.

**STC/13/14 TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 11.00 am in the Council House.

The meeting finished at 11.05 am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE: .....