

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
SUB- COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH 2017 AT 10.00 AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Stuart Bannerman, Tennis Coach from 10.30 am – 11.08 am

STC/17/133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Sub-Committee members present.

STC/17/134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Geldart declared a personal interest in STC17/136 as her son is coached by Mr Bannerman at Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club.

STC/17/135 MINUTES

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 15th March 2017 were approved and signed by the Sub-Committee Chairman.

STC/17/136 TO AGREE THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH CLEVEDON TENNIS ACADEMY STC/17/126

Prior to discussions with Mr Bannerman members discussed the draft service level agreement which had been emailed to all Councillors. The need for a Service Level Agreement had been agreed at the TEA Committee on 15th March 2017.

The Chairman of Council reported that some Councillors had voiced their concerns about use of the courts for teaching as the courts had been taken over from NSC to be used free of charge on a casual basis for everyone. Members were particularly apprehensive about the summer school sessions during the school summer holidays when the courts were used more widely by the public. However it was pointed out that the TEA Committee, despite these reservations, had agreed (2 for to 0 against) to the full programme put forward by Mr Bannerman subject to a Service Level Agreement. A majority of the members of the Sub-Committee felt the tennis coaching was not a breach to the principal of free tennis as the public would only pay for tuition. Members felt it would encourage more children to play tennis as the coaching was more affordable, promote the tennis courts and increase use of the courts. Finally it was agreed that this arrangement would be a trial to be monitored and reviewed.

10.30 am Mr Bannerman joined the meeting;

The following points were raised;

- Mr Bannerman would be meeting with the Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club Committee tonight to discuss his plans. He felt the proposed additional programme of tennis coaching on Salthouse Fields would encourage more

tennis players who might then go on to use the facilities at the Club and could benefit the Club.

- Mr Bannerman was asked if he had any idea of take up for the courses. He had already spoken to parents and the response was good. There would be a cut off of 20 persons per session. Members voiced their concern that if numbers for a particular course were low this should not restrict use of two courts to the public if they were not needed for coaching. Mr Bannerman confirmed that he would be flexible and would try and accommodate the public if they turned up for casual tennis playing.
- Mr Bannerman would be advertising the tennis coaching in the North Somerset Times following his meeting with the Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club.
- Mr Bannerman would erect a banner on the courts advertising the coaching courses.
- Mr Bannerman would erect a wind break which would have a Babolat logo. However Mr Bannerman pointed out that he received no sponsorship from the company.
- Mr Bannerman was asked if there could be any compromise with regard to the summer tennis camp sessions. He felt he was dependent on the complete programme of coaching. Parents would also rely on these sessions as part of their childcare for the school summer holidays.
- Mr Bannerman to agree with the Town Council time slots for the free LTA coaching (limited to 10 children for 1 hour for 6 weeks).
- Mr Bannerman asked for the following changes to the schedule;
Wednesday evening sessions to change to Tuesday evenings 25th April – 18th July
Saturday sessions to change to 9.00am – 2.00 pm not 8.30 am – 1.30 pm.
- Maintenance – Mr Bannerman to gently brush the courts and remove some stones, remove brambles and fix the tennis net.

Mr Bannerman would provide a hard copy of public liability insurance, coaching qualifications, first aid training, DBS certification, safeguarding training. He also agreed that photographs would be taken of the courts prior to the start of his programme in order that a schedule of condition can be compiled.

11.08 Mr Bannerman left the meeting.

STC/17/137 ANY ITEMS ARISING FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH MR BANNERMAN

The dates and times of sessions in the Service Level Agreement to be amended as requested by Mr Bannerman.

RESOLVED: To agree the Service Level Agreement with Clevedon Tennis Academy. The Sub-Committee Chairman to provide a net winder for use by Mr Bannerman. To include an item in the next CTC newsletter.

STC/17/138 UPDATE ON OTHER ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING;

17/138 REPLACEMENT SEATS STC/17/129

NSC had confirmed agreement to the remainder of the Section 106 funding being spent on the benches. The Deputy Town Clerk reported the following confirmed costings;

3 Sturdy bench seats in green recycled plastic including fixings and carriage £814.00.

2 Quotes received for installing the 3 seats using concrete and bolting to the ground in the sum of £450 and £404.69.

RESOLVED: To purchase the benches and accept the lower quotation for installation. To be paid from £860.16 remaining Section 106 funding. The balance to be funded from the 2016/17 tennis courts maintenance allocation in the TEA Budget.

17/139 SIGNAGE FOR TENNIS COURTS ON ELTON ROAD STC/17/127

Still awaiting confirmation from NSC of planning permission requirements for the sign.

STC/17/140 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information.

STC/17/141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A meeting to be arranged for the end of May to review and monitor the use of the courts by Clevedon Tennis Academy.

The meeting finished at 11.15 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE: