

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

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 2.00PM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Bannerman – North Somerset Tennis Academy informal business only

2.00 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS**

**1. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2018 – NORTH SOMERSET TENNIS ACADEMY**

During these winter months Mr Bannerman uses 2 of the 3 courts on Saturday mornings only from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Any tennis league matches are played during this session. These sessions will continue.

Mr Bannerman plans to start his main tennis season from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

He appreciates that use of the seafront courts will be dependent on the progress of the re-surfacing works. The alternative venue to the seafront courts would be the courts at Clevedon School during term time. He would like to use 1 of the 3 seafront courts for the following sessions;

Monday – 5pm – 8pm Juniors (first time players) mini red, orange and green

Tuesday 9.30am – 10.30am Adults

Tuesday – 4pm – 6pm Junior (performance) red and orange

Wednesday – 7pm – 8pm Adult Cardio Adults who have not played tennis before. To boost stamina

Thursday – 9.30am – 10.30am Adults

Thursday – 4pm – 8pm Junior green ball and yellow ball

Holiday camp dates would be February 12th - 16<sup>th</sup>; March 25th - April 7<sup>th</sup>; May 28th - 1st June; 25th July - 31st August . Mr Bannerman would like to use one court during these school holidays 9 am – 1pm/3pm.

Mr Bannerman confirmed that he had never had a situation where people turning up casually to play tennis could not use the courts due to coaching. He would continue to ensure that this is the case and would keep the Town Council informed of the situation.

The windbreak provided by NSTA needed some attention. Mr Bannerman agreed to cut down the size of the windbreak, although it is very necessary on these windy seafront courts. M Bannerman requested permission 1) to erect a sign at the tennis courts advising when coaching is available 2) to attend the site meeting with the Contractor.

*Mr Bannerman left the meeting.*

**STC/18/188 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Geldart – another commitment.

**STC/18/189 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**STC/18/190 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved and signed.

**STC/18/191 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;****191.1 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2018 – North Somerset Tennis Academy**

Members felt that the future use of the courts would need to be regularly assessed following the refurbishment of the courts so as not to discourage people turning up to play tennis. The courts are advertised as free to play and this is still the case. It was however good to encourage children and adults to learn to play tennis.

TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE that; 1) The proposed schedule of coaching on one court by NSTA for the next six months and listed in informal business above BE AGREED subject to regular monitoring and a formal Service Level Agreement. 2) Not initially to agree to the request for sign on the courts scheduling all the coaching provided by NSTA.

191.2 PRESENTATION BY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION – Mr James Deem had sent his apologies as he was unexpectedly unable to attend. His presentation would now take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 9.30 am. Mr Deem would be providing information on funds available for further improvements to the courts. Members were concerned that the seafront courts should not become a tennis club as this would not fit with the Town Council's vision for the courts.

**STC/18/192 RE-SURFACING WORKS – UPDATE AND POINTS REQUIRING CLARIFICATION**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had now received confirmation from Sport England that the tender documents, Contractor's statement and specific conditions concerning funding, operation and maintenance of the courts and Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy have been approved and met. In answer to a question it was confirmed that Sport England has not included conditions on the award but would wish to see that it is well used and used by people with a diverse range of abilities and needs.

192.1 COLOUR TO BE USED TO COAT SURFACE – *AGREED dark green.*

192.2 WIDTH OF BASELINES - *AGREED 50 mm as quoted.*

192.3 PROVISION OF WATER ON SITE FOR THE CONTRACTOR – To be provided free of charge by Clevedon Town Council. Possibility of tap on the site, also hire of standpipe or bowser. To be discussed at the Site Meeting.

192.4 NEW POSTS AND NETS Not included in the tender. Courtstall recommend 80mm square aluminium playing posts as these are best for coastal towns where steel posts tend to rust quickly. The nets would be quality braided with banding along bottom and sides and fitted with a cotton headband. Cheaper alternatives to both items are available.

AGREED To ask the Contractor whether the posts are vandalproof. It was also AGREED that new posts and nets should be included in these works. TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN EVENTS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE that the remainder of the monies allocated to Tennis Courts maintenance in this financial year 2017/18 be earmarked for the purchase of new posts and nets.

192.5 DISABLED/WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO THE COURTS No access ramp outside of the courts to the edging stones at the entrance gates has been included in the tender. A small amount of work is required. To be discussed at the Site Meeting.

192.6 ACCESS FOR CONTRACTORS TO THE SITE With the assistance of John Flannigan at NSC the access issues have been resolved. Access will be from Elton Road where the post and rail fence is sited. NSC require from the Contractor a method statement for access to the site including information on traffic management control. To be discussed at the Site Meeting when Gareth Withers from NSC will also be present. A condition survey of the access will also be required.

### **STC/18/193 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at 9.30 am informal meeting with LTA representative and Gareth Withers from NSC. Followed by a Site Meeting at 10.45 am with Courtstall, Gareth Withers NSC, Committee Chairman and Deputy Town Clerk. Stuart Bannerman to attend the first part of the Site Meeting.

The meeting finished at 3.30 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN: .....

DATE: .....