

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**AMENITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 7 November 2007.

Present: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Chairman in the CHAIR
Cllrs C Blades, E Blades (until 8.15 pm), R Garner, L Little, T Morgan, G Morris, G Watkins

In Attendance: Cllr A M Gregory

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. SECTION 106 FUNDING FOR CLEVEDON Mr D M Macgregor, NSC Area Manager South & West updated the Committee on projects for the £40,000 earmarked for enhancing and replacing equipment in play areas in Clevedon, £20,000 of this has been earmarked for current projects. A report detailing the works being progressed at Hazell Close, Cherry Ave, Salthouse Fields and Esmond Grove play areas included timescales for this work.

Some of the funding had to be used by April 2008 and Mr MacGregor now had a database which advised him of the spending deadlines for the 106 contributions from the various developments in the town. Members were keen to see more flexibility to broaden the objectives of Section 106 funding. Mr Macgregor replied that two of the Section 106 contributions were flexible and he would welcome ideas from Councillors and agreed to provide more information on current work and monies available and definitions before the next meeting of the Committee.

2. AMENITY AREAS - NSC UPDATE Mr C Webber gave details as per minute AM/07/ below.

8.20pm FORMAL BUSINESS

AM07/67 MINUTES The minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting held on 26 September 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

AM/07/68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None were made

Minute		Action
PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS		
AM/07/69	<u>AMENITY AREAS & NSC UPDATE</u>	69.4 NSC to check fence
69.1	<u>Marine Lake</u> - New Contractor commissioned to renew railings at the northern end of Lake.	
69.2	<u>Salthouse Fields Refreshment Kiosk</u> Work to remove and demolish kiosk to commence soon.	
69.3	<u>MUGA</u> Reply from NSC Executive Member for Planning, Highways and Economic Development. MUGA for Portishead was already advanced and has not been cancelled, all other MUGAs put on hold pending review of the budget situation regards future maintenance.	69.5 Ed McKay/C Webber
69.4	<u>Poets Walk</u> Still some fencing in a dangerous state on the length from St Andrew's to Look Out. Problems with badgers had resulted in the temporary closure of part of Poets Walk.	
69.5	<u>Queens Square</u> Ed McKay and Chris Webber trying to pursue more funding from DTZ towards benches and the pond area.	69.6 NSC to monitor & contact contractor report back
69.6	<u>Dog Bins</u> Concern bins were only emptied twice a week not three times. Also problem of old damaged bins not being replaced.	
69.7	<u>Bench Repairs/Survey</u> – enquiry made but no information available.	
AM/07/70	<u>Items for NEXT AGENDA</u> – arising from informal business and AM/07/69 above.	
70.1	<u>Section 106 Monies</u> – to consider possible projects to allocated the two sums with open options on expenditure. (Suggestions put forward: MUGA /Tennis Court refurbishment, changing rooms for people using Marine Lake within the public toilets provision off Salthouse)	
70.2	<u>Dog Bin Emptying Contract</u> – consider the update to be provided by Mr Macgregor	
AM/07/71	<u>COMMITTEE BUDGET 2008/2009</u> Members noted information on the current budget then gave consideration to the forthcoming year. RESOLVED: To recommend to the Finance & General Policy Ctte a Amenity Ctte budget for the financial year 2008/2009 as follows;	
	Herbert Gardens Maintenance	£4,500.00
	Herbert Gardens Boundary Wall Works	2,210.00
	Christmas Lights	7,000.00
	Dog Bin emptying	2,500.00
	New closed top bins on seafront (50/50 with NSC)	660.00
	SUB TOTAL	£16,870.00
	Less Marine Lake earmarked reserves - see below	(10,000.00)
	TOTAL	£ 6,870.00
	RESOLVED: To via the £10,000 in earmarked reserves for Marine Lake to the Amenity Committee budget for 2008/2009.	

