

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL****AMENITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8 August 2007.

Present: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Chairman in the CHAIR  
Cllrs C Blades, E Blades, L Little, T Morgan, G Morris, G Watkins

7.30pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS** **THE PLAY STRATEGY FOR NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**

Gail Smith, N.Somerset Play Development Manager had been employed in October 2006 to develop a N.Somerset Play Strategy, a copy had been forwarded to the Town Council. The key areas of the Strategy are;

- Promotion of the value of play to the whole community of North Somerset to raise the profile of play across all sectors.
- To provide new play opportunities across North Somerset and provide support, development, advice and signposting to existing play providers.
- To support voluntary sector, organisations and agencies, Town and Parish Councils and the District Council on the promotion of inclusive participation and consultation with children and young people and working towards meeting their children's needs.

She had also submitted a Big Lottery Fund application and obtained funding for 3 years, specifically for play pods (converted shipping containers) and Play Rangers to work with local children and promote the use of fixed play equipment, also the resources and equipment provided in the pods for the 10-14 age range. All workers will have CRB checks. Local children will be consulted on what resources they would like to see made available in the pods. The timescale for this project is; employment of Play Rangers – September 07 and commencement of play pod project January/February 08. Ms Smith emphasised that in other areas where this type of project had been established there had been a 40% reduction in vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The project would be regularly monitored and this would be reports provided to Town and Parish Councils.

The Town Council had previously agreed one of the Play Pods be situated at Salthouse Fields. A Site Visit with representatives of NSC had taken place and consultation with local schools; children and parents via the Play Forum and youth clubs has commenced. Some funding is earmarked for the removal of the Play Pod should this be necessary and for on going maintenance for the 3 years. It is hoped to encourage and train voluntary workers to work alongside the Play Rangers. Ms Smith invited a representative of the Town Council to take part in the interviews for the Play Rangers and to act as a link person for the project. She also asked for observations on the siting of the Play Pod in Salthouse Fields. The possibility of using the old refreshment kiosk was discussed.

The Chairman highlighted his concern about the length of time taken to replace existing play equipment although funding is available. In particular the delays in implementing the schemes at Hazell Close and Cherry Avenue play areas. Ms Smith emphasised this was a matter for Streets and Open Spaces and not Children and Young People's Services. Ms Smith was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

8.00pm **FORMAL BUSINESS**

AM07/46 **MINUTES** The minutes of the Amenity Committee meetings held on 13 June 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

AM/07/47 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none were made

Min No.		Action
<b>PART 1 items - REQUIRING APPROVAL BY COUNCIL</b>		
AM/07/48	<p><b>NORTH SOMERSET SAFETY &amp; COASTAL ADVISORY GROUP</b></p> <p>The Town Council had been invited to appoint a representative to this Group. Aims and objectives; (1) Give advice and representation to the relevant NSC Executive Member and town and parish councils; (2) Discuss/recommend safe practices to enable continued and improved management of water and coast; (3) Act as consultation/pressure group providing expert and practitioner opinions, advice, information and support on relevant issues, projects and documents; (4) Act as communicator and co-ordinator between national and regional forums and local interested parties; (5) Keep interested parties informed of up to date legislation; (6) Provide agreed statements to public and media; (7) Working parties will focus on specific issues and/or geographical areas and carry out actions/debate issues delegated by lead group; (8) Review budget available for Group's area of responsibility.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> TO ASK COUNCIL to nominate a representative to this Advisory Group.</p>	All Cllrs
<b>PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS</b>		
AM/07/49  cont.....	<p><b>AMENITY AREAS &amp; NSC UPDATE</b> Mr Webber unable to attend - written update provided;</p> <p><b>TRAVELLERS</b> Extra security measures ordered to strengthen gates and entrances to Marshalls Field. Wooden bollards have been ordered for Marshalls Field and Hazel Close. Meeting with Environment Agency and Wessex Water as they use the gates. Ian Edser has requested a list of all vulnerable sites throughout N Somerset together with security costs.</p>	49.1 Noted

AM/07/49 cont...49.2	<u>AMENITY AREAS &amp; NSC UPDATE</u> continued.... MARINE LAKE Contract for fabrication of railings has been terminated. Contract placed with another company BFEC.	Chairman to follow up with NSC
49.3	SALTHOUSE FIELDS REFRESHMENT KIOSK Quote for demolition - £8,000. No money in Parks budget for this project. Looking into using Section 106 agreement funding.	49.2, 3 & 4
49.4	HAZEL CLOSE/CHERRY AVENUE PLAY AREAS/TEEN SHELTER - Tony Moore on leave.  Other concerns highlighted:-	
49.5	MARSHALLS FIELD Ruts left after the clean up require infilling with soil.	
49.6	QUEENS SQUARE POND - Still problems with litter in pond. No update on filling in pond.	Office to action
49.7	BENCHES (1) Seafront adjacent to 9 The Beach still in need of repair (2) Bellevue Road.	49.5,6,7 & 8
49.8	DOG BINS Note from Simon Banbury stating NSC only replace bins when they are no longer serviceable and detailing the cost of new bins; £48 plus VAT, posts £65-£85 plus VAT and £25 plus VAT for fitting bin to post. It was noted the charge for emptying is £3 per week. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Following a resident's request to order a new dog bin for the green area at the junction of Beaconsfield and Teignmouth Road.	
49.9	DOG BIN REVIEW - All Ward Councillors to review the provision of dog bins in their wards and report their findings to the Amenity Committee on <b>26 September 2007</b> .	49.9 All Cllrs
AM/07/50	<u>SALTHOUSE FIELDS PLAY POD</u> - Arising from Informal Business above <b>RESOLVED:</b> To respond to the NSC Play Development Manager as follows; 1. Suggest siting for the Play pod is on the redundant pitch and putt area between the Skate Park and the tennis courts and possible MUGA, well away from the houses on Old Church Road. (Can be moved if it is found to be in the wrong location). 2. The Clerk to be the link person with the Town Council. 3. To suggest the interviews for the Play Rangers be conducted by people with some involvement in youth work, Town Council cannot provide such a person.	Office to action
AM/07/51 51.1	<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2007/2008</u> REPORT OF HILL ROAD SITE VISIT 25 JULY 2007 – AM/07/41 There had been a positive meeting with the Traders who had stated their preferred options. The Contractor had agreed to work on this although the options may be restricted by the new Country Regulations governing structure over highways currently being compiled by NSC. Another meeting is planned for September in order to be able to schedule this work.	To follow up NSC
51.2	COMMEMORATIVE LIGHTS AM/07/42.2 With the remainder of the appeal money Mr & Mrs Wring have requested a second tree either on Sixways Roundabout or the junction of Hill Road (where the one way section joins the two way road). Permission to erect a tree at either site has been requested from NSC.	51.1 & 51.2
51.3	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - TRIANGLE MAINTENANCE - The Contractor has not given a date.	
51.4	2007/08 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT – To be signed and in place as soon as possible.	
AM/07/52 52.1	<u>HERBERT GARDENS</u> Items arising from the Site Visit on 25 July 2007; BOUNDARY WALLS AM/07/43.3 – Obtaining quotations from Stone Masons.	Office to action
52.2	TREES OVERHANGING BY TENNIS CLUB – Prune in line with normal maintenance only.	
52.3	TENNIS CLUB LEASE AM/07/43.4 – Commence renewal of the lease and make the necessary amendments to the new lease.	
AM/07/53 53.1	<u>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u> CLEVEDON TOURISM GROUP – Links to Clevedon Town Council website progressing.	Noted
53.2	CURZON CINEMA – New Manager now in post.	
53.3	STRODE CENTRE USER CTTE – Cllrs Norton-Sealey & C Blades in discussion with NSC.	
AM/07/54	<u>CLEVEDON COMMUNITY PLAN</u> – At a meeting held the previous evening the Clevedon Community Plan Company been disbanded, efforts to obtain public support had been difficult. The Committee thanked Cllr Watkins for his work on this project.	Noted
AM/07/55	<u>MARLENS - GRANT COMMUNITY BOAT STORE</u> AM/07/39 - Acknowledgement received.	Noted
APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD		
CHAIRMAN: .....		
The meeting finished at 8.53 pm		
DATE .....		