

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity Committee held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 11 April 2007.

Present: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Chairman in the CHAIR Cllrs C Blades, J Dagnall, L Little, G Watkins

Apologies: Cllr C Hall

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. COMMUNITY PROJECT - CLEVEDON YEO ROTARY CLUB

Mr Richard Johnson, a member of the Club, was in attendance. Following recent publicity regarding the state of Clevedon seafront, the Club wished to offer help in undertaking a project for a particular area of the town ie weeding, clearing pathways, litter collection etc. At present the Club is developing a relationship with Clevedon School in the hope of working with them on community projects. If the Town Council wished to take up the Club's offer of help, Mr Johnson asked if the appropriate tools and rubbish bags could be provided for this work.

2. REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006/2007

Mr Nigel Shepherd, Lights Contractor, in attendance. He advised that last season the biggest problem had been nuisance callouts to deal with water getting into the cabling causing electrical trips and in one case the trip mechanism had been burnt out. To conform with safety regulations new festoon cabling would be required. He planned to re-label the new cable and use shorter lengths which should make installation simpler in future.

A suspension wire over Old Church Road had been snapped and it had not been possible to install all the lights along this road. Anchor testing would therefore be required in this specific area. The Contractor would obtain revised quotes for 500m of cabling allowing one lamp holder per metre plus the testing of five anchor points.

With regard to future Christmas Lights for Hill Road, the Contractor had been asked to meet with the Traders who were still trying to pursue a zig zag arrangement over the road supported by scaffolding poles with wooden inserts. This would need final approval by NSC with regard to safety regulations. The Clerk had written to the Traders seeking to confirm that they were developing their own Christmas lights provision but had received no reply yet.

Mr Shepherd was thanked for his understanding and help in tackling the problems encountered with the Christmas lights display last year.

AM07/23 MINUTES The minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting held on 7 March 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

AM/07/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Dagnall declared an interest in AM/07/30 – being a member of the Blue Skies Group

Min No.		Action						
PART 1 items - REQUIRING APPROVAL BY COUNCIL								
AM/07/25	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - MAINTENANCE WORK</u> RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL agrees the following required purchase of festoon cabling and works are carried as soon as possible:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">(1) Festoon – 500mts required at £225 per 100 mts.....</td> <td style="text-align: right; width: 20%;">£1,125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(2) Anchor test and replace catenary wire.....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">360</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(replacements bolts – if needed – would be an extra £79 each)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,485</td> </tr> </table> <p>To be funded from the Amenity Committee budget for 2007/2008.</p>	(1) Festoon – 500mts required at £225 per 100 mts.....	£1,125	(2) Anchor test and replace catenary wire.....	360	(replacements bolts – if needed – would be an extra £79 each)	£1,485	Office to action
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PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS								
AM/07/26	<p><u>NSC UPDATE</u> Mr Webber was unable to attend but provided the following written update; <u>Marine Lake</u> – Still awaiting an installation date for the railings. <u>Salthouse Fields Refreshment Kiosk</u> – No update. <u>Crazy Golf Area</u> – Order placed for removal of fencing, await report from Ed McKay. Area does not seem to be mowed regularly. <u>Poets Walk Fencing</u> – Fencing works underway. <u>Play Areas</u> – Tony Moore on leave some work commenced. <u>Benches</u> – Await report from Ed McKay. <u>Marshall's Field</u> – NSC Grounds Maintenance Contract Officer met with Environment Agency representative to assess land for adoption and removal of fence line. Reinstatement work requested. RESOLVED: Committee Chairman to follow up outstanding issues with NSC.</p>	Ctte Chairman						

AM/07/27	<p><u>COMMUNITY PROJECT – CLEVEDON YEO ROTARY CLUB</u> See Informal Business above</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1. To suggest to the Club the following areas; Clevedon seafront – Marine Lake to the Bandstand; unadopted paths; Donkey Path, paths in Fir Woods and path linking Highdale Road and Highdale Avenue.</p> <p>2. Find out from the Club proposed dates, equipment & permissions needed.</p>	Office to action
AM/07/28	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROVISION - HILL ROAD</u> See Informal Business above</p> <p>RESOLVED: To follow up again with the Hill Road Traders Association the assumption the Traders will be making their own arrangements for Christmas lights for 2007/2008 using the funds they have raised for this.</p>	Office to action
AM/07/29	<p><u>COMMUNITY BOAT STORE - MARLENS</u> AM/05/15</p> <p>MARLENS had been informed the Town Council grant will be released when work starts.</p> <p>RESOLVED: 1. To enquire of NSC the situation with regard to VAT on this project.</p> <p>2. To move the £1000 grant for the Community Boat Store into Council's earmarked reserves.</p> <p>NB: MARLENS Barn Dance - Friday 4 May 2007, Clevedon Community School 8.00 pm.</p>	Office to action
AM/07/30	<p><u>BLUE SKIES FLOWER POWER AWARDS SPONSORSHIP</u></p> <p>Members recalled last year, the first year Clevedon had taken part, the Clevedon awards had been presented at a full Council meeting. The awards for that year had been sponsored by tourism funding. The initial response had been good and it was hoped this could be built on further this year. A request for sponsorship for the Summer 07 had been received.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make a grant of £200 towards the 2007 Flower Power Awards. To be funded from 2007/08 events/tourism allocation in the Amenity Ctte budget..</p>	Office to action
AM/07/31	<p><u>SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM</u> Entry form and information received. Agreed to pass the information to Clevedon Flower Show – should they be interested in progressing this.</p>	Office to action
AM/07/32	<p><u>NORTH SOMERSET PLAY STRATEGY</u> AM/07/17</p> <p>North Somerset Play Development Manager had written suggesting a meeting to discuss the Play Pod and the Big Lottery Fund project further. Information on possible funding sources to improve existing play facilities had been enclosed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: In view of the forthcoming elections to invite the North Somerset Play Development Manager to the Amenity Ctte meeting on 8 August 2007.</p>	Office to action
AM/07/33 33.1 33.2 33.3 33.4 33.5	<p><u>HERBERT GARDENS</u></p> <p><u>PROBLEMS IN THE GARDENS</u> - Email from resident concerned about groups of young people congregating in the Gardens and increase in broken wing mirrors also broken glass and graffiti in the Gardens. The Police have been called out on various occasions.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To write to the Police and enquire what action has been taken to date.</p> <p><u>POSSIBLE SPRING CLEAN</u> – Date to be arranged at next meeting.</p> <p><u>RUBBLE</u> - The Contractor had removed some rubble from the Gardens, it may be that fly tipping has taking place again.</p> <p><u>TENNIS CLUB</u> a reply had been received and a request made by the Club;</p> <p>1. Grass Cuttings – the club members will purchase compost bins and site them by the shed.</p> <p>2. Pavillion Area - the club were happy for the lease not to been changed immediately but were requesting a letter absolving them of any responsibility for the area.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To check the situation with regard to the Public Liability Insurance.</p> <p><u>SECTION 106 FUNDING</u> - No reply</p>	Office to action 31.1 & 2 Clerk & Ctte to monitor 31.3 & 4 Clerk 31.5 Ctte Chairman
AM/07/34 34.1 34.2	<p><u>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p><u>CLEVEDON TOURISM GROUP</u> The new Chairperson is developing lots of contacts and is establishing comprehensive information about events in Clevedon.</p> <p><u>STRODE CENTRE USER CTTE</u> No meeting in 2006 or 2007.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Agenda item for Amenity Committee on 13 June 2007.</p>	Office

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:

The meeting finished at 8.44 pm

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