

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, 23 January 2008.

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

Apologies: Cllr E Blades – family commitments.

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. **CLEVEDON PLAY POD** In attendance Mr Rob Warren, NSC Lead Community Play Development Worker, as the newly appointed lead worker for the play pod project. They are appointing 5 Play Rangers who will work with children and young people at the 6 play pod sites across North Somerset. He recalled that the play pods, funded by the Big Lottery for 3 years, are containers which will hold equipment and resources for young people. Clevedon's pod will be sited on Salthouse Fields adjacent to the Skate Park and will be open and supervised 3-4 hours per week after school – more often in the summer holidays. It is hoped local groups and schools will also have access to the play pod to ensure it has maximum use. There is no precise timescale for the play pods, however it is hoped they will be in place by April 2008, following consultation with children and young people in the area. NOTED

2. **HERBERT GARDEN TENNIS CLUB** In attendance Mr Mark Keynon, he reported the Tennis Club currently has up to 100 members including children. The courts are well used and this activity is appreciated by people who visit the gardens and like to watch the tennis. He emphasised the courts are expensive to maintain - £1500 per annum and asked the Council not to increase the rental. With regard to amendments to the lease the Tennis Club's only concern is the plinth which used to form part of the base for the Clubhouse. The Clerk reported this area did not appear to be hatched in red on the map and therefore did not appear to form part of the lease. Mr Keynon would verify that this is also the case on the map attached to the copy of the lease given to the Tennis Club.

3. **NSC UPDATE** In attendance Mr S Banbury Senior Area Officer (North), Mr C Webber, Parks Officer, they gave details as per minute 08/04 below. Mr R Skipp newly appointed Area Officer (Waste) provided information on his remit which includes; waste collection/disposal, recycling, cleansing of highways, beach and public toilets (not parks and open spaces) and abandoned vehicles.

AM/08/01 MINUTES The minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting held on 7 November 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

AM/08/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

AM/08/05 Cllr Blades declared a personal interest as he is known to Mr Keynon.

Min No.		Action
PART 1 items - REQUIRING APPROVAL BY COUNCIL		
AM/08/03	<p><u>CLEVEDON TOWN GUIDE</u> The contract for the Town Guide had now finished. There were sufficient Town Guides left to cover the 2008 summer season. Members were asked whether there was still a need for a Town Guide, bearing in mind all the publications and internet information now available. Most of the Town Guides are distributed through Weston Tourist Information Centre, Clevedon Pier and Clevedon Library. The cost of the Guides is covered through advertising and most companies were offering a PDF document for internet use as well as the booklet. RESOLVED: TO ASK COUNCIL if it wishes to produce another Town Guide for 2009. If so, 3 members will need to be appointed to a Working Party to oversee the content, including text and photographs.</p>	
AM/08/04	<p><u>HERBERT GARDENS TENNIS CLUB – LEASE</u> See Informal Business above. RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the Town Council Solicitor is asked to commence renewal of the lease, to run from the end of the current lease, with a rent increased to £140 pa (from £120) for the first 5 yrs. In the interim; to check the Club's lease regarding the inclusion, or not, of the plinth. If it is not included in the lease to confirm by letter to the Tennis Club the plinth does not come within their insurance requirements, as requested by Mr Keynon.</p>	Office to Action
PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS		
AM/08/05	<p><u>AMENITY AREAS & NSC UPDATE</u> 05.1 <u>Marine Lake</u> – Railings now installed. 05.2 <u>Salthouse Refreshment Kiosk</u> – Only one tender had been returned, so going out to tender again. Wessex Water and Western Power are re-routing services. Base also to be removed as it is hoped to enlarge the play area. Work to be completed before the summer season.</p>	

