

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, 24 January 2007.

Present:: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Chairman in the CHAIR
 Cllrs C Blades, J Dagnall (from 7.35pm), L Little, T Morgan, G Watkins
 In Attendance: Cllr R Garner
 Apologies: Cllr C Hall

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. QUEENS SQUARE – POND Mrs Kathy Fowler wished to convey her concerns about the pond, which has never been properly refilled since it was vandalised some time ago. She observed the pond is deep and high sided and could be a safety concern for young children. She asked whether it could be filled in and used as flower bed or preferably a small play area similar to the one in Nailsea Town Centre, which she felt was well used and does not appear to attract vandalism. Mrs Fowler recalled there were no play facilities in this vicinity and in winter months the main play area in Salthouse Fields is in a very muddy state. She had also read about possible environmental grants for play areas.

Mrs Fowler was advised the pond is the property of DTZ who had previously indicated their intention to fill it in.

2. NSC UPDATE – Mr C Webber, Parks Officer in attendance information provided on;

- Marine Lake – Sub-contractor is manufacturing the galvanised railings. Mr Webber confirmed these will be bolted together rather than welded and be fitted before Easter. He would advise on the exact timescale.
- Clevedon Pill Boat Storage – Mr Webber is compiling a register of boats stored during winter months on land in the ownership NSC and would be issuing a document detailing terms and conditions. Notices advising this would be placed on the boats. One derelict boat remained on site and checks were being followed up on it.
- Salthouse Kiosk – Currently no funding to remove, so short concessions will be advertised for mobile catering units. Section 106 funding may become available in the long term to build a new kiosk, depending on the outcome of the Clevedon Hall Estate. Discussions were taking place at NSC on the flexibility of S106 funding. Members expressed concern that S106 monies were being relied on to carry out general improvements/maintenance and not on projects to increase facilities.
- Crazy Golf Area – New concession excluding the grass pitch and putt course to be advertised soon. It is hoped to remove the old fence posts before Easter.
- Poets Walk Fencing – Mr Flannagan’s Team at NSC are responsible for these works, which are currently out to tender. An area above Marine Lake which is particularly dangerous was highlighted by members. Mr Webber would check whether this wooden rail fence is being upgraded to a metal fence.
- Improvements To Play Areas – No work commenced at either Hazell Close or Cherry Avenue play areas, these schemes had been approved by the Committee in May 2006. Follow up with Mr Edser.
- Clevedon Cemetery Wall – Work complete.
- Clevedon Cemetery Memorial Testing – Start date March/April 2007 - Pauline Pearce NSC.
- Seafront Street Light Upgrade – Most people seemed pleased with the new lights.
- Seafront Tennis Courts – Are not well used. Proposals were being progressed to convert two of the courts to a multi-use games area for public use. Funding is available specifically for this project. See AM/07/03 below.
- Public Seat Repairs – The slope down to The Beach plank missing. Benches in Queens Square.

8.09pm FORMAL BUSINESS

AM/07/01 MINUTES The minutes of the Amenity Committee meeting held on 15 November 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

AM/07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None were made.

Min No.		Action
PART 1 items - REQUIRING APPROVAL BY COUNCIL		
AM/07/03	<p><u>SALTHOUSE FIELDS/SEAFRONT - MULTI-USE GAMES AREA</u> This facility would use two of the five seafront tennis courts and would include new fencing. It was felt the facility would provide much needed play provision for the 14 plus age group on tennis courts which are under used. RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL; 1. Support and welcome this new provision for which funding is available. Clevedon being one of the first two sites on this rolling programme. 2. Suggest the following interested parties - The Barn & Clevedon YMCA. 3. Enquire about revenue to fund ongoing maintenance of this new facility.</p>	Office to action
PART 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS		
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04.1	QUEENS SQUARE POND RESOLVED: Chairman to follow up with DTZ reiterating previous suggestion that the pond is filled in and new suggestion of a play area.	Chairman
04.2	NSC UPDATE – IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAY AREAS IN CLEVEDON RESOLVED: Chairman to write about work delays and request completion by Easter.	Chairman
04.3	KIOSK REMOVAL – It was felt income from concessions could be used to remove this.	
AM/07/05	<u>NSC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED DOG CONTROL ORDERS - MARINE LAKE</u> NSC had acknowledged there was an error on the map showing the proposed dog control area around the lake, which included all 3 of the walkways along this area of the seafront. RESOLVED: Ask NSC for a copy of the amended map and request assurances there will be no progress on the ground to implement the dog control order for Marine Lake until corrections and amendments have been considered.	Action completed by Office
AM/07/06	<u>CLEVEDON CANOE CLUB</u> Letter complaining about the amount of dog faeces and requesting a dog ban in and around Marine Lake. They directed to take this matter up with NSC. Members felt broken glass was more of an issue in this area. Also overflowing dog bins, particularly on Sundays, was highlighted. The possibility of a change of emptying days was discussed	Noted
AM/07/07	<u>COMMUNITY BOAT STORE - MARLENS</u> AM/06/70 The application form and financial statement had been provided but from the minutes of the recent Open Meeting it was clear the shortfall for the boat store was still outstanding. RESOLVED: To hold the grant of £1,000 agreed at the last meeting until there is proof that the balance of funding for the boat store is in place.	Office to action
AM/07/08	<u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2006/2007</u> AM/06/72	
08.1	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROVISION REVIEW No communication from the Contractor regarding maintenance/replacement issues needing to be addressed. Members were informed all the cables would need to be replaced before next Christmas. RESOLVED: To obtain an estimate of the costs for the next committee meeting.	Office to action
08.2	BUSINESS APPEAL LETTER Total sum raised to date was £1335. RESOLVED: Chairman to compile an article for the Clevedon Mercury and North Somerset Times thanking those traders that have contributed.	Chairman
AM/07/09	<u>HERBERT GARDENS</u>	
09.1	SITE VISIT – Saturday 17 February 2007 at 10.30 am. Mr Hoddell to be invited.	Office to action
09.2	TREE WORKS – Tree Works Orders now approved. Work to commence 29 January 07. Starting with lifting branches hanging over the highway.	
09.3	DAMAGE TO WALL BETWEEN 23 LINDEN ROAD AND HERBERT GARDENS – The resident had contacted her insurance company and half the cost will be claimed from the Council as this is a party wall.	Office to liaise with resident.
09.4	COMMEMORATIVE TREE request to plant a Magnolia Tree in memory. RESOLVED: Invite resident to the planned site visit on 17 February 07 to discuss.	Office to action
09.5	SECTION 106 FUNDING No reply from Mr Moore as to the exact balance. RESOLVED: To write a further letter asking for details of the balance of Section 106 funding available for Herbert Gardens.	
AM/07/10	<u>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u>	
10.1	CLEVEDON PIER TRUST - Cllr Garner reported on a recent meeting. VAT issues are currently being investigated. Cllr Garner had informed the Trustees that the present Town Council could not commit the next Council to making further grants towards the Pier's insurance. To date no business plan had been presented to the Town Council.	Noted
10.2	TOURISM GROUP - Cllr Dagnall reported there had been no progress in obtaining permission for a brown sign for the motorway junction. The combined number of visitors to Tyntesfield, Clevedon Court, Clevedon Pier, Noahs Ark and The Curzon did not match the criteria in place for these signs.	Noted
APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD		CHAIRMAN:
The meeting finished at 9.10pm		DATE