

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SUB- COMMITTEE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS**

REPORT TO THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015 AT 10.45 AM IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 44 OLD STREET.

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins  
 Cllrs J Geldart, L Little, A Shopland,  
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

**STC/15/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**STC/15/91 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2015/16**

Cllr G Watkins proposed by Cllr Little seconded by Cllr A Shopland. **AGREED**

**STC/15/92 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 were approved and signed by the Sub-Committee Chairman.

**STC/15/93 TENNIS COURTS BUDGET ALLOCATION 2015/16**

It was noted that the sum of £556.14 had been carried forward from the previous financial year giving a total of £1,556.14.

**STC/15/94 MAINTENANCE OF THE TENNIS COURTS**

It had previously been agreed to seek a quote from the Contractor that maintains the MUGA and Skate Park. He had quoted for spraying the moss around the court only as he had not felt other maintenance was necessary at that time. **AGREED** to seek a quote for treating moss, weeding, cutting back vegetation where intruding and sweeping around the edges of the courts area and removing loose soil and stones from the area. This would be occasional/one off work. The Committee Chairman would meet the Contractor on site.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk & Committee Chairman**

94.1 REPAIRS TO BROKEN BENCH

Cllr A Shopland had obtained a plank of wood suitable for this repair. She would arrange for it to be coated in preservative and if possible arrange for its installation.

**ACTION: Cllr A Shopland**

94.2 CABLE IN CONNECTION WITH MARINE LAKE CONTRACTOR

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the cable had to be sited in this area. The cable had been placed on the top of the tennis court fencing as it was felt to be less of a health and safety risk than at ground level. Permission from the Town Council had been sought by the Marine Lake Contractor and given by the Town Clerk. The concern raised by the Sub-Committee Chairman was public liability should the cable be vandalised. This would be covered by the Contractor and the Town Council's public liability insurance.

**STC/15/95 PUBLICITY FOR THE TENNIS COURTS**

It was generally felt that there was a need to increase the use of the tennis courts and highlight their availability free of charge. The work compound adjacent to the tennis courts had made access to the courts more difficult this year. The tennis courts had been highlighted in the Town Council newsletters however no further promotion had been possible due to the May elections.

The following suggestions were discussed;

- CLEVEDON FLOWER SHOW **AGREED** to promote the tennis courts using the Town Council table at the show.
- CLEVEDON TIDES FESTIVAL **AGREED** to promote the tennis courts at this festival.
- ADDITIONAL SIGNS ON ELTON ROAD **AGREED** to purchase two banners to highlight the tennis courts from Elton Road. Also to contact NSC to ask that vegetation along Elton Road be cut back to make the courts more visible.
- POSSIBILITY OF TENNIS COACHING Cllr Geldart suggested free adult and child coaching to promote use of the courts during the school summer holidays via a contact made by herself and the Committee Chairman the previous year. The coach may then subsequently run paid sessions agreed by the committee. The Town Council would not charge for use of the courts as this could affect rate charges. Members felt there could be a conflict of interest as the courts should be open free of charge to the public and felt this did not fall within the remit of the Sub-Committee.  
The other option put forward by Cllr Geldart was to pay for a local tennis coach to coach adults and children free of charge.
- HERBERT GARDENS TENNIS CLUB Cllr Geldart had spoken with a member of this club and some members may be willing to play on the courts and assist adults and children with their tennis in a low key way. The possibility of this taking place during the Tides Festival was discussed. **AGREED** Cllr Geldart to discuss this further with the Herbert Gardens Tennis Club member.
- POSTER ADVERTISING FREE USE OF THE TENNIS COURTS **AGREED** Cllr A Shopland to produce a poster for display around the town.

**STC 15/96 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no items.

**STC 15/97 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 10.45 am.

The meeting finished at 12.10 am

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE: .....