

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 21st FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs N Barton, B Cherokoff, L Little, J Norton-Sealey, A Shopland
 G Watkins. Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Withers – NSC Senior Green Spaces Officer) Informal
 Mrs L Knott) Business

7.30 pm **INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. NSC UPDATE Mr Withers reported;
 SEAFRONT RAILINGS RE-PAINTING – Help from Wessex Water (Pelican) in the Spring. Mr Withers is following this up and awaiting a reply from Pelican. Work could start (weather permitting) as soon as a date is agreed. It is hoped to paint the railings from Clevedon Sailing Club to the Millennium Monument but this will be dependent on the number of volunteers.

SALTHOUSE FIELDS – Access agreed for Contractor re-surfacing the tennis courts. NOTED remove from list.

STRODE ROAD PLAYING FIELDS – Erection of post and rail fencing – **Cllr Blades to follow this up with the Sports Centre.**

JET SKIES – To be considered at a future meeting and removed from the update list. Cllr Cherokoff to provide details of the research he has done on this subject however introducing roped off areas and buoys would be expensive and this is normally done by District or County Councils. Mr Withers emphasised that NSC had no powers to enforce the zoned off area.

SEAFRONT PAVING BY CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB – Cllr Hatch had reported that the paving is still in poor condition. Cllr Watkins had inspected the area and confirmed that this is the case. **Mr Withers to inspect the area.**

REPLACEMENT OF FLAGS ON THE BEACH The flags will be replaced before Easter.

ADDITIONAL LITTER BIN REQUESTS; 1) Off Strode Road adjacent to River Land Yeo NSC had suggested a possible source of funding for Land Yeo Friends. 2) Additional bins in Queens Square
 Mr Withers reported that NSC had removed some litter bins in North Somerset in 2016 and would not consider installing additional bins to be emptied under the NSC contract. In the case of (1) NSC had suggested a multi-use bin to be collected by the CTC Dog bin Contractor if agreeable. With regard to (2) Additional cleaning of the Square should be requested.

MAINTENANCE AND USE OF LARGE NOTICEBOARD ON THE PROMENADE **Mr Withers would follow this up with the Weston Town Centre Team who put up the notices.**

SURFACE OF PROMENADE NEAR LITTLE HARP PUB AND THE AMUSEMENT ARCADE **Mr Withers to follow this up.**

2. **MARLENS/CLEVEDON TIDES FESTIVAL**

Mrs Knott gave the history of this festival which had started about 15 years ago to draw attention to Marine Lake which was then in a bad condition, not to raise money but to publicise plans for the future of the Lake. It was a low key festival that got bigger and bigger. Last year the running of the festival was taken on by three individuals who ran the festival in a different way charging for entrance but it made a loss however MARLENS volunteers were also still involved. The Tides Festival will not continue however after a gap it may be that someone may wish to take on organising an arts festival for the town using this name similar to the Hay on Wye Festival. A press release has been issued to clarify the situation regarding the festival.

Heritage Lottery funding has now been obtained for the Lake and thanks to the hard work of Joe Norman all the stringent requirements of the lottery funding have now been met. MARLENS is now responsible for the maintenance of the lake and its surround, regular dredging of the Lake and providing educational and sporting facilities and has therefore set up a fundraising group who are planning events which will provide income. Details of these events are on the MARLENS website. Lake Days are being planned for Spring and Summer to encourage more use of the Lake.

3. **B & M CAR PARK MAINTENANCE**

Mrs Knott drew attention to the lack of maintenance of this car park and enquired as to who should be responsible for its upkeep.

7.53 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TEA/18/736 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from; Cllr C Blades – another Council commitment; Cllrs J Geldart, B Hatch and T Morgan – family commitments; Cllr G Hill – out of Clevedon.

TEA/18/737 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

TEA/18/738 MINUTES OF TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

TEA/18/739 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;

739.1 NSC UPDATE SEE ABOVE

LITTER BINS

RESOLVED: 1) To request NSC consult on any changes to contractual arrangements that may result in a diminution in service for Clevedon. 2) To obtain costings for a dual bin and subsequent emptying.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

739.2 MARLENS/CLEVEDON TIDES FESTIVAL

RESOLVED: The Clevedon Tides Festival Group would be removed from the list of outside bodies requiring Town Council representation. The Town Council representative on MARLENS trustees is currently Cllr Cherokoff.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

739.3 B & M CAR PARK MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED: To investigate the responsibility for maintenance of this car park.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TEA/18/740 TO RECEIVE TEA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2017/18

The information previously circulated to all Councillors was received and noted.

740.1 TO TRANSFER THE ALLOCATION FOR THE YOUTH SHELTER TO THE SKATE PARK AND RING FENCE THAT AMOUNT FOR THE NEW SKATE PARK

RESOLVED: To agree the transfer of £3,000 allocated for the youth shelter in the 2017/18 TEA Committee budget to the skate park project where it will be ring fenced to this use.

Action: RFO

740.2 TO EARMARK THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DONATIONS FOR NEW LIGHTS IN 2018

RESOLVED: To agree to earmark the Christmas lights donations in the sum of £1,710.76 in the 2017/18 TEA Committee budget for new and replacement lights in 2018.

Action: RFO

740.3 TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR FURTHER REPLACEMENT PLANTERS IN QUEENS SQUARE IN 2018

It was noted that there is no allocation in the 2018 TEA Committee budget for further replacement planters however the wooden planters on the steps of the raised area are now in poor condition.

RESOLVED: To allocate the remainder of the horticultural maintenance budget (up to £650) in the 2017/18 TEA Committee budget towards the purchase of further planters for Queens Square.

Action: RFO/Deputy Town Clerk

It was noted that the two new planters for Queens Square had arrived that day. A contribution from Clevedon Pride is awaited.

TEA/18/741 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS ON 26TH JANUARY 2018

The minutes were received and approved.

741.1 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH SOMERSET TENNIS ACADEMY FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

It was NOTED that this use of one court would be monitored in view of a possible influx of casual tennis players when the courts have been re-surfaced. There had been no problems to date.

RESOLVED: To agree the Service Level Agreement with North Somerset Tennis Academy for the next 6 months.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

741.2 NEW POSTS AND NETS FOLLOWING THE RESURFACING TO EARMARK MONIES ALLOCATED TO TENNIS COURTS MAINTENANCE IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18

RESOLVED: 1. To agree the purchase of new posts and nets for the tennis courts. 2. To earmark the remainder of monies allocated to tennis courts maintenance in the 2017/18 TEA Committee budget for this purpose.

Action: RFO/Deputy Town Clerk

The Committee Chairman thanked the Sub-Committee for their work to make the tennis courts a good amenity for the town.

TEA/18/742 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CLEVEDON TRIANGLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the above meeting were received and approved.

The Committee Chairman reported that there had been a subsequent meeting with the Town Council Christmas Lights Contractor to consider items in need of replacement, reasons why some lights failed etc. It was noted that the feedback from the public had been more positive than last year. The Sub-Committee would continue to liaise with town centre traders as early as possible.

TEA/18/743 CONTRACTS DUE FOR RENEWAL ON 31ST MARCH 2018;

743.1 DOG BIN EMPTYING CONTRACT TEA/18/731.1

The Town Clerk at WSM has confirmed in writing that Bin It Ltd (the current Contractor) is happy to continue the contract on existing terms and at the existing price, subject only to annual inflation as at present. Weston and Nailsea Town Councils are happy to extend the contract with Bin It Ltd.

RESOLVED: The contract with Bin It Ltd for the emptying of dog bins be extended for a period of three years from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021 to continue with two empties per bin per week all through the year. The price per emptying to remain the same for any additional bins added during the three year period.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

743.2 FLOWER BED MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TEA/18/731.2

It was recalled that at the last Town Events & Amenities Committee it was agreed to extend and renew the contract for a further three years provided that any increase in costs is in line with inflation as the Town Council has generally had a good service from this Contractor. All Councillors had been circulated with a report of a meeting on 16th February 2018 with the current Contractor. Idverde had confirmed that the costs for carrying out the work would not be increased however it could not be guaranteed that the cost of the plants would not increase as these were bought in from a nursery.

RESOLVED: The contract with Idverde for planting and maintenance of specified flower beds, tubs and planters in Clevedon be extended for a period of three years from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

743.3 SUMMER PLANTING 2018 UNDER THE ABOVE CONTRACT

Idverde had hoped to provide a costed schedule of planting for consideration at this meeting but were still awaiting the pricing of plants by the nursery. In view of the fact that these plants needed to be ordered before the next meeting of the TEA Committee in late April 2018 it was;

RESOLVED: To give delegated authority to the Deputy Town Clerk and Committee Chairman to agree the planting provided that it did not exceed £5,200 (£5,137.14 in 2017) to include all summer bedding for the designated area including the badge bed, preparation of the flower beds and planting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

743.4 BADGE FLOWER BED ON CLEVEDON SEAFRONT

A design to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1 to be finalised at the next meeting of the committee. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

743.5 FREE ANNUAL FLOWERS FOR SUMMER 2018

Clevedon Town Council had been part of this scheme in previous years however many of the community groups in the town now ordered their own free plants rather than picking them up from the Town Council. This year the Town Council is on the waiting list for any uncollected flower orders as the scheme has been inundated with requests.

TEA/18/744 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

Community Association Cllrs C Francis-Pester, J Norton-Sealey No meeting.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group Cllr A Giles-Townsend No meeting.

Clevedon Civic Society Cllr J West Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2017 were available at the meeting.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs C Blades, J Norton-Sealey, J Geldart, N Barton.

RESOLVED: To follow up with Cllr Blades the possibility of a Strode Leisure Centre User Group meeting and ascertain the purpose of these meetings. Items for discussion timetable for work to tiling. Erection of post and rail fencing.

NOTE: Since the meeting Cllr Blades has confirmed that the tiling will be carried out overnight this month.

Clevedon Pier Trust Cllrs C Hall, C Francis-Pester. No meeting.

Clevedon Sailing Club Ctte Cllr B Hatch had reported the date of the Clevedon Town Plate race – Sunday 22nd April 2018 all Councillors invited. Establishing the ownership of the slipway is still ongoing.

RESOLVED: Cllr Francis-Pester to speak with Mark Crosby about the slipway.

Clevedon Twinning Association Cllr G Watkins reminded members of the trip to Ettlingen later in the year.

CANS Cllr B Hatch Nothing to report.

Police & Communities Together Cllrs J Geldart, G Hill. No meeting. Information provided by Clevedon Neighbourhood Watch available at the meeting.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust Cllr A Shopland. No meeting.

MARLENS Trustees Cllr B Cherokoff reported on the live video feed of the Lake and it was hoped that there could be a link to the new CTC website when it is operational. MARLENS is now NESTAA qualified.

Farmers' Market Co-op Cllr J West Nothing to report.

Land Yeo Friends Cllr Watkins, Cllr J Geldart. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2018 available at the meeting. The meetings are now held in the Oak Room at The Curzon.

TEA/18/745 CCTV – LOGS FOR DECEMBER 2017

The logs were available at the meeting. It was noted that at a recent meeting with the Police regarding CCTV it had been agreed to change the format of the log to provide more useful information ie how CCTV had been used in prevention and mentoring.

TEA/18/746 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items raised.

TEA/18/747 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no part I items.

APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD CHAIRMAN.....

The meeting finished at 9.00 pm DATE:.....