

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
22ND JANUARY 2020 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs N Barton, B Cherokoff, A Everitt, J Geldart, A Goodliffe, B Hatch, G Hill,
 K O'Brien, A & D Shopland, J West, R Westwood & H Young
 Mrs Suzanne Howard, Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Flannigan & Ms S Phillips, NSC Officers

INFORMAL BUSINESS - 7.30pm
NSC Re-Wilding Programme

The NSC Officers provided Committee members with details of the re-wilding programme. NSC own around 900 hectares of land across the district and are looking to increase the biodiversity of the land. NSC's aim is for 25% of the land to be split as follows; 10% woodland and 15% tall grass. Since the consultation commenced in November 2019, NSC have received over 300 responses with 75% in support of the scheme and over 200 pledges from people to volunteer their help with the programme. Two key areas in Clevedon are Hazel Close playing fields and Marshall's Field.

Plans are for trees to be planted on the amenity land in Hazel Close and Marshall's Field and to allow for areas of grass to grow tall, with paths cut through them. To ensure that residents and visitors are aware the areas are part of the rewilding programme, a wooden 'Blue Heart', as part of the Blue Campaign will be installed in the ground to show areas of rewilding.

The cost to NSC for the programme is minimal, due to all the trees for the rewilding scheme are being given to NSC free of charge by the Woodland Trust, and it is anticipated to continue this partnership going forward.

FORMAL BUSINESS - 7.55pm

TEA 20/912 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from; Cllr Blades (another commitment)

TEA 20/913 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

TEA 20/914 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Committee **AGREED** that the minutes of the 13th November 2019 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

TEA 20/915 TO RECEIVE TEA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2019/20

Members noted the 2019/20 budget figures as circulated with the agenda.

TEA 20/916 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS

916.1 NSC STREETS & OPEN SPACES UPDATE

There was no report from the NSC Streets and Open Spaces Officer.

TEA 20/917 TO RECEIVE TEA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2019/20

Members noted the 2019/20 budget figures as circulated with the agenda.

TEA 20/918 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE COST FOR THE SUMMER BEDDING PLANTS FOR 2020

Committee members discussed and **AGREED** the cost for the Summer bedding plants for the 2020 display. The VE Day design for the badge bed on the seafront was formally agreed at the meeting.

Committee members also expressed that consideration for the planting scheme in future years should move away from bedding plants and more towards perennial planting.

TEA 20/919 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR MATCHED FUNDING FROM THE THEATRE SHOP TO SUPPORT THE SPRING SEASON

Committee members discussed and **AGREED** the request for matched funding of £2,000.00. Members also asked that the Theatre Shop be advised that future grant requests should be submitted via the Council's annual grant application process.

TEA 20/920 TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM THE CLEVEDON COMMUNITY GARDENERS FOR SUPPORT TO PURCHASE PERENNIAL PLANTS FOR A PLANTING SCHEME ON VICTORIA ROAD

Committee members discussed and noted the planting scheme suggestion, submitted by the Clevedon Community Gardeners for the regeneration idea for the plant bed on Victoria Road. Members felt that the planting scheme would enhance the location with colour and mixed planting and **AGREED** to their request. A payment of £200.00 is to be awarded, which is monetary support given from the High Street fund budget.

TEA 20/921 TO DISCUSS THE PRESENTATION FROM NSC CONCERNING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE RE-WILDING PROGRAMME, CONNECTED TO CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Committee members discussed the re-wilding programme in detail. Members were encouraged by the number of trees forecasted to be planted, following the Council's commitment to Climate Emergency. However, concern was raised and shared with the NSC Officer's, at NSC's suggestion of planting trees on Marshall's Field. This is a green space created to act as a flood defence, due to its location to the Bristol Channel. The land also has a covenant on it, being gifted to the residents of Clevedon and is an area heavily used by residents and visitors to the town for dog walking and recreational use.

Concern was also expressed that trees will not be protected with any fencing and are therefore open to vandalism.

Members queried who was going to maintain and manage the trees in years to come. Without proper management the trees won't survive.

Clevedon Town Council asked NSC that it be kept fully informed throughout the re-wilding programme, i.e. when trees are being planted etc.

TEA 20/922 [TEA/19/886] TO RECEIVE LATEST REPORT ON THE DOG BIN EMPTYING AND COLLECTIONS AND TO ALSO DISCUSS AND AGREE TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DOG BIN AT MILL CROSS WITH A LARGER BIN AND POSSIBLE RESTRICTOR PLATE

The Committee Clerk advised members that there are no surplus litter bins available from NSC. Therefore, the Committee **AGREED** to purchase and pilot a brand new 90 litre litter bin, with restrictor plates to be installed at Mill Cross. The price of the bin is £120.00, bolts to anchor the bin in place £9.95 and carriage fee of £35.00. The price for two restrictor plates, if possible, in green metal, is £50.00. Total cost, £214.95.

The existing dog bin at this location will be removed and re-used at another location. The new bin will be monitored to ascertain as to whether the fly tipping will stop and that the larger bin can accommodate the residents needs for this busy dog walking route. The dog bin contractor has also confirmed that there will be no additional charge to the Council by collecting from the larger bin.

The Committee Clerk also advised members on occasions the dog bin emptying has not been conducted on the collection days agreed with the Council. Some collections have been delayed until the Monday or Thursday. The Contractor has been requested to carry out collections, as originally specified.

TEA 20/923 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM NSC OFFICERS CONCERNING MATTERS RAISED RELATING TO THE STRODE LEISURE CENTRE

New blue matting has been installed as a temporary measure to all wet side changing room floors. It was reported that a site meeting has taken place with the Strode Leisure Centre manager, NSC and contractors to agree what will be done to overcome ongoing problem with the floor.

Committee members **AGREED** that a letter be sent to the NSC Officer demanding details of action to resolve this. **Action: Committee Chairman and Committee Clerk**

TEA 20/924 TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF FLOOD LIGHTING AND KEY LOCKS AT THE SALTHOUSE FIELDS TENNIS COURTS

Committee members reiterated that the purpose of re-opening the tennis courts and the Council's main objective, was to keep the courts open on a 24/7 basis and free to residents and visitors to Clevedon.

The Committee **REFUSED** the request from NSTA for the installation of floodlighting at the Salthouse Fields Tennis Courts, as lighting is not needed.

The Committee also **REFUSED** the request from NSTA for locks on the gates, as the Council's objective is to keep the courts open 24/7, as stated. Also, the Council will not accept additional work for the public to access the courts.

TEA 20/925 TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November 2019 were **AGREED** at the meeting.

TEA 20/926 [TEA/19/906] TO CONSIDER RECRUITMENT OF A TOWN CRIER FOR CLEVEDON

Cllr Westwood discussed with Committee members that town criers are a means of publicising upcoming events in a Town. Members were informed that where a town crier is in place, the town council usually provides a bell and a pair of shoes to the crier.

ACTION: Cllr Westwood to provide fully costed details prior to the next TEA meeting so a decision can be made then.

TEA 20/927 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO HOLD AN EVENT TO SUPPORT THE VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS ON FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

Members of the Committee asked what NSC was doing to have to commemorate VE Day in May 2020. **Action: Committee Clerk bring details back to the next meeting**

TEA 20/928 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES;

Community Association - Cllrs Francis-Pester and Geldart – the next Committee meeting to be held on the 23rd January 2020.

N Somerset Safety & Coastal Advisory Group - Cllr Hatch – Next Committee meeting to be held in April 2020.

Clevedon Civic Society - Cllr Hill – The AGM was held on the 9th January 2020 with a talk from Hilary Neal concerning the Curzon History. The 50th Anniversary plans of the Civic Society are well underway.

Strode Leisure Centre User Group Cllrs Barton, Blades, Geldart & Westwood – Please refer to minute no. [TEA 20/923].

Clevedon Pier Trust – Cllr C Francis-Pester – the next meeting to be held on 23rd January 2020 with Cllr Crosby attending to discuss parking matters.

Clevedon Sailing Club Committee - Cllr Hatch advised there has been no further update on the slipway from NSC. There is an Executive meeting on the 28th January 2020, and the slipway is on the agenda

Clevedon Twinning Association - Cllrs Geldart & Goodliffe – The next meeting will be held on 24th January 2020

CANS - Cllr Hatch – The Village Hall Project is progressing well, and currently is out to tender for quotes. A meeting has also been arranged on the 28th January 2020 to discuss the party wall and Village Hall plans with the neighbouring resident.

Police & Communities Together Cllrs Hill & Young – A meeting was held on the 15th January 2020. The Christmas period was quite quiet, only a small number of thefts reported. Following the successful bike marking events, there is to be another free bike marking event on the Salthouse Fields on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 10.30am, which is during the school half term break.

Gwilliam & Woodward Trust - Cllr Shopland – Nothing to report.

MARLENS Trustees - Cllr Cherokoff – A meeting was held on the 26th November 2019. Safety, Safeguarding and Risk Management was the main topic of discussion. The dredging of the lake from 21-25 October went well, with the next one planned for 2-6 March 2020.

Farmers' Market Co-op - Cllr West – The market is still in their quiet period until March 2020.

Land Yeo Friends - Cllrs West & Westwood – A meeting was held on the 5th December 2019. A Spring cleanout of weeds on certain sections of the river is to take place. The next meeting to be held in February 2020.

TEA 20/929 CCTV REPORT

Members **NOTED** the email sent by the Committee Clerk dated the 13th January 2020, which provided an update on the CCTV upgrade project. A further update is expected in Mid-March 2020.

TEA 20/930 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Request for an additional dog litter bin

A resident has submitted a request for installation of a dog litter bin along the riverbank, using the alleyways close to Byfields, in order to capture a lot of dog waste, not picked up. *Committee members considered the request and **AGREED** that due to the removal of the dog bin at Mill Cross, that bin will be used where requested. There will be an additional cost by the dog bin contractor to collect the waste twice a week and the Council would also need to obtain a quote in order to have the bin installed at the new location.*

Action: Committee Clerk to bring collection and installation costs to the next meeting for decision

Westbourne Avenue green space

A resident has submitted a request for some help in trying to alleviate the damage being caused to the green space area in Westbourne Avenue, due to residents and visitors parking on the green verges which is damaging pathways.

The Committee Chairman reported he had contacted Alliance Homes who manage the green space. Alliance Homes have asked for residents to email or phone them with their complaints, and following the type and number of responses received, they will allocate some funding.

TEA 20/931 DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS.

There were no Part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 9.26pm

APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN..... DATE:.....