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Forthcoming Meetings:

September 2006

5th Planning
5th Town Council
19th Planning
21st Finance and General Purposes
27th Civic Amenities

October 2006

3rd Planning
4th Town Council
17th Planning
19th Finance and General Purposes
25th Civic Amenities
31st Planning

November 2006

1st Town Council
14th Planning
16th Finance and General Purposes
22nd Civic Amenities
28th Planning

December 2006

5th Town Council
12th Planning
Office closed from 23rd December to 2nd January 2007

Avian flu

At the present time, there are no reported incidents of Avian flu in Devon. However, the Town Council takes the view that it is sensible to take all necessary steps to avoid the spread of infection and the situation is being constantly monitored.

Birds die all the time for all sorts of reasons and you are likely to come across them from time to time. Current advice is:

- **Do not touch any dead or sick birds.**
- **If you find a dead or sick bird, contact Defra on: 08459 335577**



Where to find us:

The Town Council offices located at:

The Manor House, Old Town Street, Dawlish

Open Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. and 1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. or telephone 01626 863388

Allotments—work commences

Work will soon commence on preparing land at Brown's Brook for use as allotments.

Final legal procedures were completed in early September to enable Dawlish Town Council to become the lessees of the land.

Local residents who are on the current waiting list will be contacted shortly to confirm that they wish to take up a tenancy of an allotment and it is hoped that shortly afterwards the waiting list will be re-opened.

Surveying work is currently taking place to measure out the plots and other works to be completed include:

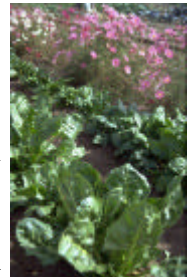
- bio-diversity surveys of the area



- clearing the site and setting up of communal and car parking areas
- laying on of water to the site and installation of stand pipes
- laying out of haulways and pathways
- repairs to boundary hedges
- preparing tenancy agreements for plot holders

The Town Council is pleased to provide this much-requested facility for the Town and hopes that the allotments will be enjoyed by local residents of all ages.

For further information, please contact the Town Clerk.



Dawlish Carnival 2006

Once again, the Carnival Committee excelled themselves to produce a week of fabulous entertainment for both residents and visitors.

The Red Arrows graced the skies along with the Blue Eagles helicopter display team and for the first time, aircraft from the Royal Navy took part together with a visit from an American re-fuelling aircraft and a stunning display by the Chinook helicopter.

Town Councillors and staff were on the Lawn on Wednesday of Carnival week to talk to

residents and visitors about the work of the Council and to encourage local residents to put themselves forward for election to the Council in May 2007. If you would like information on becoming a Town Councillor, please contact the Town Clerk.

Dawlish Town Council would like to thank all the members of Dawlish Carnival Committee for their hard work and commitment to this very special event in Dawlish and express their continued support for the Carnival.



Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

What does it mean for Dawlish?

From April 2006, the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 gave Parish Councils a range of new powers to tackle environmental crime in their communities and to help reduce:

- the amount of litter on our streets
- graffiti in our bus shelters
- dog mess in our parks
- fly posting on our streets.

All these things affect the quality of life for residents and, in a holiday town like Dawlish, also affect our visitors.

The new powers can be used to make sure that these anti-social activities don't become a bigger problem in Dawlish.

Dawlish Town Council is

in a unique position as it already has a Parish Maintainer and a Waterfowl Warden who are on hand on a daily basis and who, with the necessary training, would be able to gather evidence of any offences and issue fixed penalty notices, which will be enforced by the Town Council through the Magistrates Court if necessary.

It is difficult to accurately assess exact costs for the scheme but it is estimated that for Dawlish, costs in the first year will not exceed £4,500, which will include setting up costs and initial training.

As a Quality Town Council, Dawlish can spend income made by issuing fixed penalty notices on any of its activities although amounts raised are likely to be small. Use of the

new powers is not a money-making exercise but an active attempt to improve the quality of life in Dawlish.

Public consultation started in June but it is not late too have your say.

You can pick up a form from the Town Council offices or at:

- Dawlish Library
- Dawlish Leisure Centre
- The Strand Post Office
- Dawlish Hospital
- Gerald's Supermarket, Dawlish Warren
- The Castle Inn, Holcombe
- Somerfield Supermarket
- The Tourist Information Centre

You can also visit the Website: www.Dawlish.gov.uk to download a form.

Tell us what you think!

The Town Council wants to hear your views.

Manor House repairs

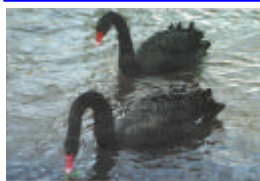
Regular visitors to the Manor Gardens will have noticed scaffolding has appeared over and around the Manor House. This is to enable work to be carried out to the roof of the building.



The Manor House is a Grade II listed building and most of the roof is original, dating from the early 1800s, so vital work is needed to ensure the building is watertight.

It is anticipated that the roofing work will be completed before the onset of winter. Costs of the work are estimated at £65,000 and will be funded from the proceeds of sale of the Leonard Lamb Centre

Black Swans on the road to recovery



Five black swans removed from the brook earlier this year because of a condition known as 'bumble foot' are well on the way to recovery.

The condition is caused because the swans spend a lot of time walking around on tarmac close to the brook, which causes callouses (hardened skin) to form on the bird's feet making walking painful.

The swans have been spending time on soft grass whilst their feet are treated and are making good progress.

Dawlish Remembers



The Town Mayor and Councillors will be taking part in annual remembrance services in the coming months and local residents are invited to attend.

On **Sunday 17th September 2006** the Town Council will be represented at the **Battle of Britain** Service at the Parish Church.

On **Saturday 11th November**, the Mayor and Councillors will be joining members of the Dawlish Branch of the Royal British Legion on the Lawn for two minutes silence at 11.00a.m., followed on **Sunday 12th November** by the Remembrance Parade, wreath laying and service at the Parish Church.

Your Town Council needs you!

Did you know that your local Councillors are responsible for, take an active part in or are consulted on nearly everything that affects you and your family?

Town Councillors are consulted on planning applications, highway improvements, street signs, grant funding and projects that affect where you live and what facilities your community receives.

Town Councillors live side by side with you in the community.

Your Town Council is the tier of local government closest to the people and represents the concerns and aspirations of the local community.

The basic responsibility of the Town Council is to make the lives of its local community more comfortable by representing the whole electorate within the town, delivering and co-ordinating services to improve the quality of life.

Most people's impression of what a Councillor does is just attending Council meetings but it is the day-to-

day contact with local people that a Councillor experiences that is most important part of being a Town Councillor.

Councillors need to:

- listen to the views of the people in their community
- Represent the town at other local government meetings or on local bodies or organisations
- Represent the voice of their community as a whole whilst being aware of and considerate to specific minority needs
- Share their skills and experiences to make a strong forward-thinking team
- Attend civic functions and, yes, some meetings!



The range of powers the Town Council has continues to change and grow. It is how these powers are used by Councillors for the benefit of their community that makes a vibrant, forward-thinking Town Council and brings positive benefits to the Town.

No one Councillor is responsible for any single decision. This is democracy at its best.

In May 2007 local elections will take place for new Councillors in Dawlish.

Become a Town Councillor and make a difference to your community.

If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor contact the Town Clerk for further information.

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Dawlish Community Trust

Dawlish Community Trust is pleased to announce successful funding for the town from a number of sources. Grants of £5,000 from the Town and District Council's have provided matched funding and a grant of £40,000 has been given by the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA) towards a master plan for the town centre. Following exhibition of the draft brief, the Trust received helpful comments which confirmed that the people of Dawlish agree with the proposals. Competitive tenders and selective interviews will lead to appointment of the Practice to carry out the development project. The Steering Group is expecting delivery of the complete study by late Spring 2007. For further information, please contact Dawlish Community Trust at the Manor House.

Dawlish in Bloom

Dawlish residents have excelled themselves in this year's Dawlish in Bloom competition.

Competition entry numbers were high and the Judges faced a difficult task in selecting the eventual winners.



The Judges were particularly pleased with the entries in the children's competition to decorate a plant pot.

Category winners will be contacted by the Dawlish In Bloom organisers to inform them of their success and to invite them to attend the Annual Presentation Evening which takes place on **Friday 29th September** at the Manor House when they will receive their awards.

Teignbridge Community Strategy

Staff from Dawlish Town Council will be attending a major event at **Newton Abbot Racecourse on Wednesday 22nd November 2006** to promote Dawlish. The event, which is open to the public, starts at 10.00a.m. when the new **Teignbridge Community Strategy** will be launched.

Dawlish Residents are invited to attend to find out what the priorities are for their local community and what the Teignbridge Strategic Partnership will be working on over the next 5 years.

Come along and find out:

- How this ties in with your vision for Dawlish
- How you can get involved!

Full details of the event will be issued in the near future.



Your Councillors and how to contact them:

Your local Councillors can be contacted at the following telephone numbers.

If you are unsure of which Councillor to contact, please call in or telephone the office on 01626 863388 where staff will be pleased to direct your enquiry to the Councillor best able to deal with your enquiry.

Cllr. Rev. Dr. Tom Bush Mayor of Dawlish Tel: 10626 865704

Cllr. Mrs. Rosalind Prowse Deputy Mayor Tel: 01626 866621

Cllr. John Clatworthy Tel: 01626 864091 **Devon County Councillor** **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Humphrey Clemens Tel: 01626 863020 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Dickson Tel: 01626 770893

Cllr. Tom Edwards Contact: 20 Fairlea Close, Dawlish

Cllr. Will Farrow Tel: 01626 863013

Cllr. Ted Hockin Tel: 01626 862088 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Mrs. Valerie Jeffery Tel: 01626 890730

Cllr. Mrs. Helen Humphries Tel: 01626 862233

Cllr. Mrs. Mary Mugford Tel: 01626 863516 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Mrs. Hazel Percy Tel: 01626 865942

Cllr. Graham Price Tel: 01626 867088

Cllr. Wally Protheroe Tel: 01626 863151 **Teignbridge District Councillor**

Cllr. Clive Samuel Tel: 01626 865824

Cllr. Geoff Wills Tel: 01626 888074

"Small Change" environmental discussion group



'Small Change' is run by Global Action Plan, an environmental charity that has been working with communities in Devon over the last

10 years. The aim of the 'small change' project is to encourage householders to make changes to their everyday lifestyle that will impact positively on the environment and save money along the way. Led by volunteers, sessions are held to talk and share ideas about different aspects of the environment.

The sessions are full of practical advice and tips about the small but effective changes that can be made, e.g., changing ordinary light bulbs for energy saving ones. Free home energy visits are also available, along with information about grants for insulation that can help improve warmth and comfort.

Please contact Zoe Reed on 01626 215764 to find out when the next session is and to book a free place or email Zoe at Zoe.reed@globalactionplan.org.uk

Volunteers sought to help with the formation of a credit union in Teignbridge



Teignbridge District Council is backing the formation of **Teign Reach Credit Union** for the benefit of local residents.

A new way for the people of Teignbridge to save and borrow is in the process of being developed with a view to being launched in 2007. Demand for a credit union has been identified in the district and Teignbridge will be assisting interested community groups to help set up the co-operative and providing £3,000 in funding. Work has already begun on the development of Teign Reach Credit Union but more volunteers are sought to help more the process forward.

If you think you can help, whatever your skill level, please contact the Teign Reach Credit Union through their Co-ordinator, Gary Powell, on 01626 215892.