



DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held at The Manor House, Dawlish on Wednesday 7th October 2009

Present:

Cllr. G. Wills (Town Mayor)
Cllr. Mrs. H. Humphries (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield
Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford
Cllr. Mrs. J. Bush
Cllr. W. Protheroe
Cllr. G. Price
Cllr. Mrs. J. Garland
Cllr. Mrs. H. Wills
Cllr. A. Turpin

In attendance:

Mr. John Winchester, Town Clerk
together with:
one member of the public and one member of the press.

Prayers were led by the Rev. Bill Robertson,

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made by Members present regarding items on the Agenda.

Public Participation

No members of the public present wished to address the Town Councillors.

The meeting was opened by Cllr. G. Wills, Town Mayor, at 7.04 pm.

76. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Cllr. Mrs. C. Payne who had a family commitment
- Cllr. E. Hockin who had a family commitment
- Cllr. Mrs. R. Prowse who had a family commitment
- Cllr. F. Tullis who had a family commitment
- Cllr. H. Clemens who had a family commitment
- Cllr. D. Collins who was ill.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the reasons for apology be accepted.

77. Minutes of Committee for adoption

Members present received the following Minutes of Committees for adoption by the authority:

Planning Committee – 25th August, 8th September and 22nd September 2009

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that this Council adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25th August, 8th September and 22nd September 2009 which had been approved by that Committee and signed by its Chairman, as a true record of the meetings.

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 17th September 2009

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that this Council adopt the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17th September 2009 which had been approved by that Committee and signed by its Chairman, as a true record of the meeting.

Civic Amenities Committee – 23rd September 2009

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that this Council adopt the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 23rd September 2009 which had been approved by that Committee and signed by its Chairman, as a true record of the meeting

78. Minutes of Town Council meetings

Members present received the minutes of Dawlish Town Council meeting held on 2nd September 2009

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that the minutes of Dawlish Town Council meetings held on 2nd September 2009 are approved and should be signed by the Town Mayor as a true record of the meeting and be adopted by this authority.

79. Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor's announcements can be seen at TC79.

80. County Councillor's Report

Cllr. J. Clatworthy informed Members present as follows:

- The County Council was embarking upon a new strategic plan with five challenges covering the recession, roadways, education, older people and planning development.
- £100k had been put aside in order to bring Dawlish Library into the 21st century including a new entrance.

81. District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. G. Price informed Members present that he had attended the following meetings of the District Council:

- Meeting of Executive where discussions regarding the devolvement of functions to Dawlish Town Council in the future had taken place.

Cllr. E. Hockin's written report can be seen at TC81

Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford informed Members present that she had attended meetings of Community Transport in Dawlish where issues regarding bus parking had been discussed. She had also attended site inspections on behalf of the District Council, a meeting of the full District Council, Development Control and the meeting of the Executive on 5th October where devolved functions for Dawlish were discussed.

82. *Town Councillors Reports*

Verbal reports of Town Councillors who have attended meetings of other organisations or agencies as the Town Council's representative were as follows:

Cllr. A. Turpin informed Members present that he had attended a meeting of Traffic Watch South West and a meeting of a rail-users group regarding the Waterloo service.

Cllr. Mrs. H. Humphries' emailed report can be seen at TC82.

Cllr. W. Protheroe informed Members present that he had attended a CAB Board meeting and although the Board's expenses were covered for the present, work would begin in future with other Boards to reduce expenditure. He had also attended at meeting of Dawlish Action for Youth where he was now Chairman. He and the Town Mayor had attended the AGM of DAPC and the significant facts were that DAPC would become the Devon Association of Local Councils from March 2010 and there would be a 2% increase in subscription charges from 2010.

Cllr. Mrs. J. Bush informed Members present that she had attended a meeting of Dawlish Museum Society where they were planning for activities for next year. She had also attended a symposium on transition town actions for Dawlish and had visited the Youth Club at The Hole in The Wall.

Cllr. Mrs. H. Wills informed Members present that she had attended a meeting of the Dawlish Chamber of Trade and Commerce but there was nothing significant to report. She and Cllr Mrs. Payne had attended a meeting with the area manager of Kompan, a play equipment company and she would make a presentation to Town Council in due course.

Cllr. G. Price informed Members present that although he was not in attendance, there had been a meeting of the South West Area Police Authority where a demonstration of the tazer gun had taken place as the majority of police officers in this area would be issued with this equipment in the future.

83. *Town Clerk's Report*

Members present received the verbal report of the Town Clerk as follows:

- An invitation had been received from Devon Towns Forum to attend a free seminar at Ivybridge on the 19th November 2009 regarding the development of community assets. This invitation had been emailed to all Councillors and if they wished to attend they should contact the Forum direct.
- The Town Clerk informed Members present that a Community Care Guide – a guide to community services and information, had been received and was available in the Town Council offices should any Member wish to peruse it.

84. *Audit of Accounts – Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009. (2008-2009)*

Members present received the external Auditor's unqualified report for the financial year ending on the 31st March 2009 and the advice of the Audit Commission regarding matters not affecting the opinion of the Auditor but which must be brought to Councillors' attention.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that those other matters not affecting the Auditor's opinion would be taken into full consideration when preparing the Town Council's budget and precept for the year 2010-2011 and when preparing the Statement of Accounts.

85. *Empowered Communities – NALC Larger Councils' Conference – 2nd December 2009.*

A flyer advertising the NALC Larger Council's Conference in London on 2nd December had been received. The theme was community empowerment and localism.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that Cllr. W. Protheroe should attend the conference on behalf of the Town Council.

86. *Newsletter – September edition 2009*

Members present considered the latest edition of the Town Crier for publication.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this edition of the newsletter should be published.

87. *Town Councillor ‘Surgeries’ with the public*

Members present considered holding Town Councillor ‘surgeries’ at The Strand/The Lawn on Saturday mornings. Cllr. G. Wills, the Town Mayor, gave an explanation to Members present regarding why he thought this action was important.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that they would support the Town Mayor on Saturday mornings when available.

88. *Vehicle barrier – The Manor House*

Members present considered actions necessary and location for providing a vehicle barrier at the Manor House grounds to prevent parking by vehicle owners not attending sessions at the Manor House.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this item should not be proceeded with at the present time.

The meeting was closed by Cllr. G. Wills, Town Mayor, at 7.48p.m. in Part I.

The meeting was opened in Part II by Cllr. G. Wills. Town Mayor at 7.49p.m.

PART II

Members of the public and press are excluded from the meeting as the items under discussion contain information exempt under the Local Government Act 1972 Shed. 12A SS3 Public Bodies Admissions to meetings Act 1960 S2

89. Refurbishment of Waterfowl Building and Enclosure

Members present received a report at tender stage for the refurbishment of the waterfowl building and enclosure.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council directs the Town Clerk to contact the Town Council's Surveyors and engage the building company recommended by the Surveyor to conduct the refurbishment works at the waterfowl building and enclosure at Brunswick Place, Dawlish, at a cost of £47,600.74p and in accordance with plans previously produced. The Town Council's insurers and any other interested organisations be informed of the decision.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this information may be made public through a press-release.

The meeting was closed in PART II by the Chairman, Cllr. G. Wills, at 7.54p.m.

The meeting was re-opened in Part I by the Chairman at 7.54p.m. and closed in Part I at 7.54p.m.

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Cllr. G. Wills
Mayor of Dawlish

TC79

Mayor duties for September 2009

- 1st Chair Disability transport AGM
- 1st Youth Council meeting
- 8th Coffee morning at U/R church for Dawlish Hospital League of Friends
- 8th 5pm Project management meeting re Lawn Pavilion
- 8th 8pm meeting with Chairman of Chamber of Trade and Andrew Bulpin, Dawlish Warren Traders re tourism
- 9th West Exe estuary cluster meeting
- 9th Dawlish Community Trust meeting (end of)
- 10th Dawlish twinning association meeting
- 15th F&GP working party
- 23rd Project management meeting/LHC
- 26th DAPC AGM at Exeter
- 26th Ladies Choir at U/R Church Dawlish
- 29th Steering group meeting
- 30th Lawn Pavilion meeting
- 1st October Youth Council
- 5th Chamber of trade
- 6th Community trust Heritage and Tourism meeting

Ted Hockin's District Councillor Report

7th October 2009

In the past month I have and will attend the following meetings as a Teignbridge councillor:

- 3rd September Interviews following the Muse Concert
- 7th Meeting of the Executive
- 8th I attended a meeting of the South Hams Audit Committee
- 14th Full Council
- 24th I chaired the Audit Scrutiny Committee

In addition last week I attended a CIPFA Conference on "The Effective Audit Committee in York and came to the conclusion that Teignbridge is ahead of most other councils with their procedures and policies.

TC82

John Winchester

From: Helen Humphries [helen.humphries@bazria.co.uk]
Sent: 05 October 2009 07:30
To: TownClerk@Dawlish.gov.uk
Cc: wallyprotheroe@tiscali.co.uk; Ted Hockin; Rosalind.Prowse@gmail.com; Pauline Bloomfield; Mary Mugford; Janet Garland; Jacqui Bush; Humphrey Clemens; Helen Wills; geoff@ccz.eclipse.co.uk; Francine Tullis; derekrichard@talktalk.net; Carol Payne; Andrew Turpin

Meeting attended during September

12th Holcombe Village Hall
20th Battle Of Britain Service
21st Vision for Dawlish
23rd Meeting with LHC
29th AGM Home Start
4th Oct. Civic Service.

Helen Humphries.