



DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the *Civic Amenities Committee* held at The Manor House, Dawlish on *Wednesday 27th January 2010*

Present:

Councillor P. Bloomfield (Chairman)
Councillor G. Wills (Mayor – *ex officio*)
Councillor Mrs. H. Wills
Councillor Mrs. H. Humphries (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs. J. Bush
Councillor A. Turpin
Councillor G. Price

Mrs. D. Duffy – Co-optee

Other Council Members Present: Cllr. Mrs. C. Payne
Cllr. H. Clemens

In attendance: John Winchester, Town Clerk

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the Agenda

Items for urgent attention

The Town Clerk informed Members present that there were three items which required urgent consideration by the Town Council. *Members were reminded that they had that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognize that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future:*

1. Permission to be given for Teignbridge District Council street cleansing staff to clean through the mechanical sweeper at the rear courtyard of the Manor House;
 2. It was necessary to choose a colour for the exterior painting of the building at the Waterfowl compound, Brunswick Place, Dawlish,
 3. Teignbridge District Council suggested lighting times for the decorative lighting at the brook in Dawlish during 2010.
- These items would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield at 7.05p.m.

68. *Apologies for absence*

Apologies were received from:

Cllr. Mrs. J. Garland who had family commitments and was unable to attend.

Cllr. Mrs. Mrs. R. Prowse who was attending another meeting and was unable to attend.

Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford who had family commitments and was unable to attend.

Cllr. D. Collins who was ill.

Mr. C. Stapleton (Co-optee) who had a work commitment and was unable to attend

Mrs. Swift (Co-optee) who had a work commitment and was unable to attend.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Committee accepts the apologies tendered and reasons for absence

69. *Minutes*

Members present received the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting of 28th October 2009.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Minutes of the 28th October 2009 be approved by Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting after the following amendment had been made:

In the preamble to the Minutes the words after ‘Chairman’ should read “*Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield at 7.03p.m.*”

70.

DARE

Members present received a letter from the environmental lobby group DARE (Dawlish Against Ruining Everything) congratulating the Town Council on the display of Christmas lights.

Cllr. H. Clemens informed Members present that his grant of £500 for decorative lighting may only be used for that purpose.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this item be noted.

71.

Adoption of Red Telephone Boxes

Members present received a copy of a letter sent by the principal authority to BT Payphones regarding the adoption/disposal of red telephone boxes.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this item be noted.

72.

Lawn Bookings, Dawlish

Members present received an email from Teignbridge District Council informing them of bookings which had already been taken for the Lawn during the year 2010.

The Town Clerk informed Members present that the administration system at Teignbridge District Council had informed him that there had been a ‘glitch’ towards the end of August and this would be corrected in the near future.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this item be noted.

73. *Notice Boards*

Members present considered a request to provide notice boards: one in the town centre and one in the vicinity of Sandy Lane.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that contact should be made by the group or individual who had made the request to conduct a feasibility study, including where the boards should be sited, a risk assessment regarding the health and safety issues and a suggestion of who should be responsible for the boards.

74. *Festive Decorative Lighting*

Members present considered actions necessary to facilitate the provision of decorative lighting in the town for Christmas 2010.

After a discussion, it was agreed that a meeting of the Decorative Lighting Working Group should be called early to enable the Group to decide what is required to provide this service and then invite representatives from companies who provide decorative lighting to give advice.

75. *Exe Rail Partnership*

Members present considered the implications of seeking to form a closer relationship with the Exe Rail Partnership. They were informed that Teignbridge District Council was already a member of the Partnership.

Cllr. A Turpin briefed Members present regarding the advantages of being involved and requested that Dawlish Town Council should set up a steering group with a Council representative, that the Town Clerk should write to the Exe Rail Partnership seeking further information.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the actions suggested should be taken.

76. *Late Items*

Members were reminded that they had that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognize that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future.

- 1. Permission to be given for Teignbridge District Council street cleansing staff to use a mechanical sweeper at the rear courtyard of the Manor House.*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that a request had been made by the Cleansing Department at TDC to be able to cleanse through the mechanical road sweeper used in Dawlish in the rear courtyard of the Manor House. All detritus would be removed by the District Council operatives.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the District Council should be informed that there were no objections to this operation.

- 2. It was necessary to choose a colour for the exterior painting of the building at the Waterfowl Enclosure, Brunswick Place, Dawlish*

RESOLVED by a majority of the Members present and voting that the colour for the exterior of the building at the Waterfowl Compound should be Moorland Green.

- 3. Teignbridge District Council suggested lighting times for the decorative lighting at the brook in Dawlish during 2010.*

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the District Council's suggested lighting times be accepted.

77. *Accounts*

Members present received the following:

- a. Accounts paid in October, November and December 2009

b. Financial Reports to end of October, November and December 2009

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the accounts for payment and the financial report be accepted by the Committee

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.36p.m.

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Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield
Chairman