



DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held at The Parish Church of St. Gregory The Great, Church Street, Dawlish on Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Present:

Cllr. G. Wills (Town Mayor)
Cllr. Mrs. H. Wills
Cllr. Mrs. J. Bush
Cllr. H. Clemens
Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield
Cllr. E. Hockin
Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford
Cllr. Mrs. C. Payne
Cllr. G. Price
Cllr. W. Protheroe
Cllr. Mrs. R. Prowse
Cllr. F. Tullis
Cllr. A. Turpin

In attendance:

Mr. John Winchester, Town Clerk
together with 1 member of the press, 1 Police Community Support Office of Devon & Cornwall Police and 178 members of the public.

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.

Urgent items

There were no items requiring urgent attention

Public Participation

Mrs. V. Mawhood a local elector, informed Members present that she wished to make a statement about item 12.1 on the Agenda (*The Manor House*). She thought that a feasibility study was premature at this stage.

Mr. M. Clayson, a local elector and member of the Save the Manor House action group, informed Members present that he wished to make a statement regarding item 12.1 on the Agenda (Parish Poll) with reference to polling cards for a parish poll.

Mr. Clayson was informed by the Town Mayor that polling cards would not be issued for the forthcoming parish poll and the item would not be proceeded with.

Mr. R. Vickery a local elector, informed Members present that he wished to make a statement regarding item 12.3 on the Agenda (precept and budget for 2010-2011). He informed Members that he realized that the Town Council was raising their spending by £150,000 to cover the purchase of 34 Park Road and the loss of income at the Manor House where what was required was capital improvements to the Manor House.

The meeting was opened by Cllr. G. Wills, Town Mayor, at 7.10 pm.

140. Apologies

Members present received apologies from the following Councillors:

- Cllr. Mrs. H. Humphries who was suffering from illness and was unable to attend the meeting.
- Cllr. Mrs. J. Garland who had a long-term family commitment which she was unable to break.
- Cllr. D. Collins who had a family emergency and was unable to attend.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the apologies be accepted by the Council.

141. Minutes of Committee for adoption

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

Planning Committee – 12th January 2010

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 12th January 2010 which had been approved by that Committee and signed by its Chairman, as a true record of the meetings.

142. *Minutes of Town Council meetings*

Members present received the minutes of Dawlish Town Council meeting held on 13th January 2010.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the minutes of Dawlish Town Council meetings held on 13th January 2010 are approved and should be signed by the Town Mayor as a true record of the meeting and be adopted by this authority.

143. *Mayors Announcements*

The Town Mayor's informed the Members present that he had not had any official engagements during the month of January 2010.

144. *County Councillor's Report*

Cllr. J. Clatworthy informed Members present that he had attended 25 meetings of the County Council since the last meeting of this Council.

1. One of those meetings was regarding unitary governance in the South West with the Local Government Minister for Communities and Local Government.
2. With regard to Dawlish Library, amended plans had now been produced and the refurbishment costs would be in the region of £100k and the library would then be able to open on Wednesday mornings.
3. Plans to complete the Exe estuary cycle path had gone out to tender
4. Works in High Street, Dawlish were on schedule and new signs would be placed.
5. For information 40,000 potholes had been reported to the County Council in recent days as 1,200 had been reported in the last week. The costs of repairs was expected to be £1.75m and this was slightly over the budget cost of £1.6m. Some requests regarding grit bins had been received and these were available at a cost of £170 each and the money was available in the locality budget.
6. Devon County Council expected to overspend by some £5m and the County Council's turnover was £1.3b.

7. A sum of £1.5m had been put into the authority budget for highways works at The Strand in Dawlish.

145. District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. G. Price informed Members present that he had attended one meeting of the District Council since the last meeting of this Council which was Overview and Scrutiny.

Cllr. Mrs. R. Prowse informed Members present that she had attended a meeting of the Executive Committee where she made a plea to the District Council to continue to fund the Exe Estuary Partnership and not withdraw funding that is highlighted within the District Council's budget for next year. She had attended an Overview and Scrutiny meeting to discuss budgets and various meetings with Officers regarding Dawlish, the Parish Charter and the West Exe Parish Cluster. She informed those present that she was working on the establishment of a polling station at Churchill Avenue.

Cllr. H. Clemens informed Members that he had attended meetings of Development Control, a pre-meeting with Officers and a meeting of Overview and Scrutiny where the budget proposals were discussed. He had again asked the District Council's Executive Committee to reconsider the withdrawal of £10k from the funding for the Exe Estuary Partnership and had been involved in site inspections throughout the district.

Cllr. E. Hockin submitted a report which can be seen at [TC145a](#)

Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford submitted a report which can be seen at [TC145b](#)

146. 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. Mrs. C. Payne informed Members present that she had attended a meeting of Dawlish Tourism Group about a play park at Dawlish Warren and a meeting of the Senior Council for Devon where, regrettably, Dawlish was one of the poorest attended of this group.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield informed Members present that she had attended the AGM of Cockwood Boat Club and works were due to start

soon on painting the bridge. The works would be carried out by Network Rail.

Cllr. F. Tullis informed Members present that she had attended the forum of the Teign Estuary where flooding plans were discussed.

Cllr. W. Protheroe informed Members that he had attended Dawlish Warren Tourism Group. The plans for the ensuing year were exciting and he hoped that a play park of some description could be erected there.

Cllr. Mrs. R. Prowse informed Members present that she had attended meetings of the Dawlish Regeneration Project Management Group where the business plan for the proposed arts café at the Lawn in Dawlish had failed as a conclusion to the feasibility study which had been conducted. She had attended meetings of Open Daw, Disability Transport, Dawlish Warren Tourism and been involved in working groups regarding the transfer of Teignbridge District Council assets in Dawlish to the Town Council. She further informed Members present that she had chaired a meeting of the Local Produce Market Management Committee and problems with Committee membership were envisaged in the future. She informed Members present that there would be a meeting of the West Exe Parish Cluster held at The Manor House on February 10th.

Cllr. A. Turpin informed Members present that he had attended a meeting of DEBEN and he was encouraged by the fact that transition towns initiatives had been looked at and these will be circulated in the future.

147. Petition to Dawlish Town Council

Members present received a letter from a local elector confirming that a request for a petition from the Save the Manor action group would be presented for consideration by the Town Council.

Mr. P. Large, a local elector, presented a petition to the Town Clerk and the letter was noted by Members present.

148. *Dawlish Twinning Association*

Members present received a letter from the Secretary of Dawlish Twinning Association requesting that this Council organizes a civic reception on Saturday 17th April 2010.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Council should organise a civic reception to be attended by Councillors and members of the Twinning Association to welcome a party from Carhaix-Plouger.

149. *Buckingham Palace Garden Parties.*

Members present received notification from the Lord Chamberlain's Officer that Her Majesty the Queen will host a garden party at Buckingham Palace on 22nd June 2010 to include Devon Parishes. This Council was asked to put forward nominations in accordance with the DAPC briefing.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that Dawlish Town Council should nominate the Mayor of the day to be included in the DAPC draw.

150. *The Manor House, Dawlish*

Members present considered the next steps with regard to the future of the Manor House including a feasibility study for the Manor House to be conducted by consultants appointed by the Town Council.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Council will draw up a scheme for a feasibility study to be conducted by consultants chosen by Dawlish Town Council. Councillors FURTHER RESOLVED unanimously that with regard to the management of the Manor House over the next financial year for 2010-2011, the Manor House would remain fully open as far as practicable and letters to quit would be rescinded by this Council.

151. *Precept and Budget 2010-2011*

Members present considered setting a precept for Dawlish Town Council for the financial year 2010-2011 and the Town Council's budget for the financial year 2010-2011.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council sets a precept of £466,698 (Four hundred and sixty-six thousand, six hundred and ninety-eight pounds) for the financial year 2010-2011 and the budget was unanimously approved by the Council and adopted by the Authority.

152. *Borrowing approval*

Members present considered the recommendation made by the Finance and General Purposes Committee that this Council increase its borrowing commitment to £165,000 (One hundred and sixty-five thousand pounds) as a result of a recommendation from the Town Council's independent internal auditor and in accordance with the various options for loan repayments which were put forward and agreed by the Members.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council should seek to borrow £165,000 from the Public Works Loans Board at a rate of 2% over a period of twenty years in order to acquire a building in the town to be used as Town Council offices and letting space.

153. *Teignbridge District Council – Analysis of Council Tax for annual booklet*

Members considered the Town Council's entry in the booklet on Council Tax produced by Teignbridge District Council for the year 2010-2011.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the entry is approved by Dawlish Town Council. TC153

154. *Documents recently signed by the Town Mayor*

The Town Mayor has signed the Land Registry Transfer for the whole of the registered title of 34 Park Road, Dawlish.

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

The meeting was closed in Part I by Cllr. G. Wills, Town Mayor, at 8.10p.m.

The meeting was opened in Part II by Cllr. G. Wills. Town Mayor at 8.11p.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

155. Purchase of 34 Park Road

Members present received a letter from Scott Richards, Solicitors and completion statement for the purchase of 34 Park Road, Dawlish.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the completion statement was noted and that a cheque for the final amount of monies outstanding for the purchase of 34 Park Road should be dispatched without delay.

The meeting was closed in PART II by the Chairman, Cllr. G. Wills, at 8.17p.m.

The meeting was re-opened in Part I by the Chairman at 8.18p.m. and closed in Part I at 8.19p.m.

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Cllr. G. Wills
Mayor of Dawlish

The Town Clerk and Members of the Town Council remained in the debating chamber after closure of the meeting to answer questions from members of the public until 8.47p.m.

TC145a

Ted Hockin's District Councillor Report

2 February 2010

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

19th January Overview and Scrutiny

In addition as Town Council representative I attended the Dawlish Warren Tourism Group meeting on 27th January.

TC145b

From: Mary Mugford [mailto:mary.mugford@talktalk.net]

Sent: 02 February 2010 20:00

To: John Winchester; Wally Protheroe; Ted Hockin; rosalind.prowse@gmail.com; Pauline Bloomfield; Janet Garland; Jackie Bush; Humphrey Clemens; Helen Wills; helen.humphries@bazria.co.uk; grahamprice328@btinternet.com; com; Geoff Wills; ftullis@btinternet.com; Derek Collins; Carol Payne; andrew.turpin@southsomerset.gov.uk

Subject: District Councillors Report

Jan 18th Development Control

Jan 19th Overview and Scrutiny

Jan 28th Parish Meeting St Gregory's Church

As I am having to take a few weeks off after my Knee surgery on Saturday could I thank everyone who visits the Open Daw for the weekly Councillors visits.

If you are unable to attend could you please change with another Councillor or ring Sue and tell her

John Clatworthy is unable to attend Feb 17th is anyone else free to fill in for him

Many thanks

Mary

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description		2010-2011				
	net expenditure	total expenditure	total income	net expenditure	balance of capital	proposed capital expend
finance and admin	163	166	0.6	165.4	265.1	
properties	80	130.7	4.5	126.2		30
waterfowl	28	33	3.5	29.5		47
public amenities	38	59	91	-32		130
community events and projects	39	118.4	3.9	114.5		
interest received	0	0	1	-1		
additions to reserves	0	34.4	0	34.4		
DTC subsidy	15.5	29.6	0	29.6		
totals	363.5	571.1	104.5	466.6	58.1	207