



DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the *Civic Amenities Committee* held at The Manor House, Dawlish on **Wednesday 24th MARCH 2010**

Present:

Councillor Mrs. P. Bloomfield(Chairman)
Councillor G. Wills (Mayor – *ex officio*)
Councillor Mrs. H. Wills
Councillor Mrs. J. Bush
Councillor G. Price
Councillors D. Collins
Councillor A. Turpin

Mrs. M. Swift – Co-optee
Mr. C. Stapleton - Co-optee

Other Council Members Present: None

In attendance: John Winchester, Town Clerk.

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Mrs. P Bloomfield, Committee Chairman, declared a personal interest in item 3.2 on the Agenda - Cofton in Bloom as she was a Committee Member.

Mr. C. Stapleton (Co-optee) declared a personal interest in item 3.1 on the Agenda as his business sold ice cream at Dawlish Warren.

Items for urgent attention

The Committee Chairman informed Members present that she had an item that she wished the Committee to discuss as an urgent item at the end of the meeting with regard to the Exe Estuary Extravaganza.

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 7.04p.m.

90. *Apologies for absence*

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. Mrs. R. Prowse who had another commitment and was unable to attend.

Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford who was recovering from an operation and was unable to attend.

Cllr. Mrs. H. Humphries who had a family 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.

91. *Minutes*

Members present received the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting of 24th February 2010.

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that the Minutes of the 24th February 2010 be approved by Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

92. *Ice-lolly bicycle*

Members present received a letter from a local businessman requesting that this Council license the use of an ice-lolly bicycle to operate within the parish.

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that the local business should be given permission by the Town Council to operate within the parish of Dawlish provided all licenses and permissions had been obtained from other relevant authorities such as Licensing Authority and the Police.

93. *Cofton in Bloom – hanging baskets*

Members present received a request for this floral display to be insured by the Council.

During discussion, the Town Clerk informed Members that this Council had insured this activity over the past seven years. The Town Council's insurance brokers were aware of the situation and were satisfied.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council gives assurance to the Cofton in Bloom Committee that their display will be insured under the Town Council's public liability insurance.

94. *Craft Market – Dawlish*

Members present received a request from a business that this Council allows a craft market to be held in the town on Fridays during the summer.

The Town Clerk informed Members that further communication had been received from the business registering as a trader with the Dawlish Local Produce Market.

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that this Council would have no objection to the stall holder organizing and arranging their own craft markets.

95. *Dawlish Station*

Members present received an email from a member of the public enclosing a response from First Great Western train operating company regarding comments made about Dawlish station.

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

96. *Dawlish Transition Town ambition*

Members present received a report from Cllr. A. Turpin regarding suggested initiatives of Councillors community and business and environmental network.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the four Council Members who are involved with the Transition Town Initiative should continue their investigations and make recommendations to Council by way of a report.

97. *'Dawlish' sign at Tucks Plot*

Members present considered actions necessary to improve the appearance of the site.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield, Committee Chairman, stated that Girl-guiding in Dawlish were willing to paint stones already in the Town Council's possession in the colours of the Guiding movement to improve the display. She added that successions of bedding planting had not been successful.

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that the Girl-guiding initiative of painted stones should be adopted for a period of time to allow Councillors to assess the situation.

98. *Decorative Lighting – Christmas 2010*

Members present were asked to consider dates for a meeting of the Decorative Lighting Working Group to meet with a representative of a company seeking to provide decorative lighting.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that they would make every effort to attend a meeting arranged between the company and the Town Clerk.

99. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report to Councillors as follows:

1. *Use of skateboard park for Teignbridge Street Sports Team*

Members were advised of an email received from the Clean, Green and Leisure Services Department of Teignbridge District Council requesting to use the skate park for Teignbridge Street Sports Team on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 between 4.30p.m. and 6.30p.m.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that there was no objection to this activity provided TDC were able to assure this Council that a risk assessment had been conducted, public liability insurance cover was in place and that first-aid cover was provided for the duration of the event.

2. *Exe Estuary Partnership 2010-2011*

Members present received an email from the Exe Estuary Officer informing them there was a small surplus from this year's budget 2009-2010 including £342 from TDC and there was a request for the authorization from this Council's partners to carry this amount forward.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that permission should be given for the amount to be carried forward.

3. *Parish Paths Partnership Scheme – 2009-2010*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that the grant received this year for participating in the P3 Scheme was £700 an increase of £100 on the previous year.

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

4. *Browns Brook Allotments*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that he had received a letter from Michelmores Hughes, the land agents for the landowners, informing the Council that an allotment holder had made a direct approach to the land agents to request permission to erect a shed at his allotment at Browns Brook.

The Clerk further informed Members that negotiations had now been completed with regard to the 20 year lease with a claw-back at the 10 year interval and a new Lease was awaited in August 2011.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Clerk should bring the land agents' letter to the attention of the Chairman of the Allotments Association.

5. *Land at Lea Mount, Dawlish*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that early in the month he had received an observation from a local elector regarding the fact that some railings had been removed from land at Lea Mount, opposite Coronation Avenue and that this fact had been reported to the Engineering Department at the District Council. The District Council had informed him that the railings had been removed by them as they were dangerous. A temporary barrier would be put in place and the railings would be replaced by the District Council in due course. The Head of Design and Property Services at TDC had informed the Town Council that the land had no registered owner. The Town Clerk had thanked TDC for the swift response to the enquiry.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council did not wish to own the land in question, only to ensure that the area was safe for residents and visitors.

100. Accounts

Members present received the following:

- a. Accounts paid in February/March 2010
- b. Financial report to the end of February 2010

Cllr. G. Wills, Town Mayor, requested that in the traffic light system within the accounts, the orange ink looked identical to the red ink used to indicate that an account had overspent and could the colours be changed so they were more definitive.

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

102. Late Items

Members were reminded that the following items are brought to the attention of Committee Members by the Chairman as a matter of urgency. Members are reminded that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognise that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future

1. Exe Estuary Extravaganza

Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield, Committee Chairman, informed Members present that she had attended a recent meeting regarding the Exe Estuary Extravaganza which was due to be held on the 10th July 2010 at Dawlish Warren.

She asked Committee Members for their support and ideas for a Town Council display at the event.

She further stated that she recommended that the Town Clerk should write to the Local Produce Management Group Committee to request that Council be permitted to use the market stalls for the event.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Clerk write to the Local Produce Management Group requesting use of the stalls.

103. Nominations for a Civic Award

The Town Clerk informed Members present that two nominations had been received for a Civic Award and after studying the nominations, Members considered them to be worthy.

The Town Clerk was directed to ensure that the Town Mayor would be able to make the awards at the Town Meeting on the 14th April 2010.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the two nominations were worthy of an award in this year.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.15p.m.

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Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield
Chairman