



DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the *Civic Amenities Committee* held at The Manor House, Dawlish on *Wednesday 26TH MAY 2010*

Present:

Councillor Mrs. P. Bloomfield(Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. M. Mugford
Councillor Mrs. H. Wills
Councillor G. Price
Councillors D. Collins
Councillor A. Turpin
Councillor Mrs. C. Payne

Other Council Members Present: None

In attendance: John Winchester, Town Clerk, together with 4 members of the public.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest in Agenda items

Items for urgent attention

The Town Clerk requested that the Committee consider appointing a Civic Amenities Committee Sub-Committee as an addition to the Agenda.

Public Participation

Mr. T. Lowther, a local elector, informed Members present that he wished to address the Committee regarding facilities for overnight parking of motor homes at Dawlish Warren car park. *Mr. Lowther* spoke in favour of this process, informing Members that it had proved very popular; the venue was

well-used and that Teignbridge District Council had received exceptionally good press in the magazines that are produced for motor home owners.

Mrs. V. Mawhood, a local elector, informed Members present that she wished to address the Committee regarding trees at the town centre in Dawlish and the Monterey Pine at The Manor House. She informed Members present that the Conservation Trust would like to see the latest condition survey of the trees, particularly around the Lawn area and that the Conservation Society would pay to have the Monterey Pine under-planted at the carriage turning-circle at The Manor House gardens.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield at 7.04p.m.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr. Mrs. H. Humphries (Town Mayor) who was recovering from a minor operation and was therefore unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. R. Prowse, who had a family commitment and was therefore unable to attend.

Cllr. Mrs. J. Bush, who also had a family commitment and was therefore unable to attend

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

Mr. C. Stapleton (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 apology tendered and reason for absence.

2. Minutes

Members present received the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting of 28th April 2010.

RESOLVED by the majority of the Members present and voting that the Minutes of the 28th April 2010 be approved by Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3. *Facilities for overnight parking of motor homes at Dawlish Warren car park.*

Members present received a letter from the Director of Teignbridge District Council regarding this Council's request for a meeting to resolve issues that have arisen by the principal authority's action in allowing the overnight parking of motor homes at Dawlish Warren car park.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that as the reply did not indicate whether or not the request for a meeting between Teignbridge District Councillor and Officer, Dawlish Town Council Officers and those businesses affected by the parking of motor homes at the car park had been set up by the principal authority, the Town Clerk should write again to request that a meeting takes place.

4. *Donkey rides at The Lawn, Dawlish*

Members present received a letter from Mr. P. Wibrow of 'Just Donkeys', requesting that this Council give permission for donkey rides to take place at The Lawn in support of charity events.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council has no objections to donkey rides taking place in support of charitable events. However, before final permission is granted the operator must complete a risk assessment each time the activity takes place, prove to this Council that he has public liability insurance of £5million and that the Town Clerk should write to the operator explaining the situation.

5. *'Spirit of the Exe' Festival Exe-travaganza*

Members present received a press-release from the Exe Estuary Officer informing them about the Exe Estuary Festival taking place on the 10th July 2010 at Dawlish Warren from 11.00a.m. onwards.

The Committee Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield, explained to Councillors that she was intending to represent Dawlish Town Council at this event and required assistance from other Council Members. Cllr. D. Collins, Cllr. Mrs. C. Payne, Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford and Cllr. Mrs. H. Wills, offered to give assistance to Cllr. Mrs. Bloomfield to make the day a success.

6. *Trees at the town centre, Dawlish*

Members present received a letter from the Secretary of the Dawlish Conservation Trust requesting a 'health' report regarding the trees in the centre of Dawlish.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this item be referred to Teignbridge District Council's Arboricultural Department and that a request be made that they reply direct to the Conservation Trust.

7. ***Monterey Pine at The Manor House gardens, Dawlish***

Members present received a letter from the Secretary of the Dawlish Conservation Trust requesting permission to plant a Monterey Pine next to the one already growing.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that this Council should seek the advice of the Teignbridge District Council's Arboricultural Department or, if necessary, the Town Council's approved contractor regarding the proposal. Councillors wished it to be noted that a local elector (Mrs. V. Mawhood) had stated that the Conservation Trust would pay for the works.

8. ***Transition Town***

Members present considered a proposal from Cllr. A. Turpin regarding a venue to allow the Dawlish Business and Environmental Network (DBEN), to give a presentation to residents and Councillors.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Council Chamber or other suitable room at the Manor House should be sponsored by the Town Council to stage the event.

9. ***Litter bins and decorative lighting at the brook and the Lawn, Dawlish***

Members present considered the following actions necessary to provide replacement rubbish bins at the Lawn and Tuck's Plot and future actions necessary to provide an economic and efficient timing device to control lighting at the brook.

The Town Clerk informed Members present that since the beginning of April 2010, the recommendations of the Town Council's consultants, Lacey, Hickie and Caley regarding project '2' of the Amberline Coast Regeneration Plan had begun to be put into effect by Town Council staff in cleaning the rubbish bins at the Lawn and Tuck's Plot and cleaning of the signs and electricity supply boxes. However, it was recommended that the rubbish bins were now in excess of ten years old and required replacement. The decorative lighting timing devices at Tuck's Plot had also now reached an age where replacement was required.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that Town Council staff progress with the clean-up around the parish and contractors should be requested to give estimates for work necessary.

10. Review of Water charges at Browns Brook Allotments

Members considered this Council's policy for water charging at Browns Brook Allotments

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that:

- they should make no changes to the current level of charges whereby allotment holders were charged a single payment of £11.00 per annum regardless of size of allotment plot and regardless of individual plot-holder's water consumption
- and that the Town Council will accept that repairs to the water-system at the allotment field will be inevitable in the future and those costs will be borne by the Town Council and not charged to the allotment holders.

It was further **RESOLVED** unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Clerk should also investigate whether or not there was an insurance policy available to cover such events.

11. Mini-golf at Tuck's Plot

Members present considered the purchase of sail banners as a means of advertising this recreational facility at Tuck's Plot.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Clerk should investigate and make the purchase of a sail banner(s) to promote the mini-golf facility at Tuck's Plot.

At 7.40p.m. Cllr. A. Turpin left the debating chamber and did not return.

12. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report as follows:

1. Seagull nuisance

An email had been received from a local elector regarding seagull nuisance ([CAC12.1](#)) requesting the Town Council to take some action in the town.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the Town Clerk should write to the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce requesting that the Chamber place notices, particularly in food businesses, reminding customers not to feed the seagulls.

2. *Play areas at Little Week Close and Sandy Lane*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that a letter had been received from the Senior Police Officer for Dawlish and Teignmouth regarding anti-social behaviour at the play areas at Little Week Close and Sandy Lane. (CAC 12.2)

3. *Repainting of the bandstand and stone shelters at The Lawn*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that he had received an unsolicited estimate for painting of the bandstand and inside the stone shelters from a local company.

4. *Control of Pests Act 1949*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that he had received a letter from a local elector (the same author who made the initial request) concerning pest control.

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that no further action need be taken.

5. *The viaduct, Dawlish*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that he had received an email from Teignbridge District Council regarding their attempts to persuade Network Rail to conduct works under the viaduct, to no avail.

6. *The piazza, Dawlish*

The Town Clerk informed Members present that electricity and water would be available at the piazza for use by hirers from late September 2010.

13. Accounts

Members present received the following:

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

RESOLVED unanimously by the Members present and voting that the accounts for payment be approved by the Committee.

14. Civic Amenities Sub-Committee

Members present considered the membership of a Civic Amenities Sub-Committee for the ensuing Council year.

After a discussion, the following nominations were made and approved unanimously:

Chairman of the Sub-Committee: Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield

Vice Chairman of the Sub-Committee: Cllr. Mrs. C. Payne

Members: Cllr. Mrs. M. Mugford and Cllr. D. Collins

Councillors were reminded that all Councillors could attend all meetings of the Council with the exception of the Staffing Committee.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.52.p.m.

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Cllr. Mrs. P. Bloomfield
Chairman

CAC 12.1

From:
Sent: 19 May 2010 17:01
To: townclerk@dawlish.gov.uk
Subject: Dawlish Town Council Web site enquiry

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message : Hello.

I've lived in Dawlish for 16 years, and I always see tourists feeding the seagulls, not understanding that due to this they'll start attempting to take food from locals during other times of the year. Twice in the past two days, I've been attacked by seagulls. The first dive bombed me, the second did the same and started biting my head, until I got scared, threw my food and ran. I know nothing can be done directly to stop the seagulls doing this, as it's something they've gotten used to doing, but I think the way tourists can go ahead feeding them is ridiculous. Again, this can't be stopped directly, but we could do something to raise awareness. I think there should be some 'please do not feed the seagulls' signs around Dawlish - enough of them, and big enough, for people to see. I think there might be one of those 'Cedric says' ones in the brook that says it but nobody sees it, as it's been partially knocked down.

I'm not sure if I'm sending this to the right place, but please do not dismiss it immediately. I would really appreciate a response because I know several other locals would appreciate it if seagulls got out of the habit of attacking us, especially in the winter months when tourists are no longer around to feed them chips.

Thank-you

Submit : SEND FORM

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CONSTABULARY

Our ref:

Your ref:

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Dawlish Town Council
The Manor House
Old Town Street, Dawlish
EX7 9AP

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

24 MAY 2010

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Teignmouth
Devon
TQ14 8AB

Telephone: 01626 874400

18th May 2010

Dear John,

Re Criminal Damage to play areas in Dawlish.

Thank you for writing to about the damage and anti social behaviour in Sandy Lane and Little Week Close in Dawlish. Our crime statistics and incident logs do not show large numbers of incidents in these areas. However, you have a different perspective and it is important that we deal with the matters you raise.

To manage issue such as this we create a problem solving plan which describes what the problem is and what we intend to do about it. We also record the action taken on the plan. In this case we shall be directing patrols to the area and taking positive action against anybody causing problems. There are a number of other strategies, working with local schools, target hardening, gathering intelligence on suspects etc that we may employ. PC Parsons, who already been in contact with yourselves, will manage this action and will be liaising with the residents effected.

You have written to residents asking them to contact the police if they see any crime being committed and I fully support this. Without the support of the community and partner organisations such as yourselves we will not be able to deal effectively with this issue. As a result of your letter residents may well contact you and I would be grateful if you could pass on any information you gain that would be of use in combating this problem.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Inspector Chris Shaw
Sector Inspector Teignmouth and Dawlish

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