



# **DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL**



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## Minutes of a Meeting of the *Civic Amenities Committee* at The Manor House, Dawlish on *Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.00pm.*

### **Present**

Councillor T Lowther (Chairman)  
Councillor Miss H Burrowes  
Councillor M Clayson (non-committee member)  
Councillor Mrs M Lowther  
Councillor Mrs L Petherick  
Councillor J Petherick (ex-officio)  
Councillor R Vickery (non-committee member)  
Councillor Mrs R Willoughby (ex-officio)  
Councillor Mrs Prowse  
Councillor Mrs Payne

### **In attendance**

2 members of the public.

### **Declarations of Interest**

As a member of the Trust, Cllr Mrs Lowther declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Dawlish Conservation Trust.

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### **Items for urgent attention**

There were no urgent items for attention.

### **Public Participation**

One member of the public asked to speak on Item 37, the decorative lighting swans on the railway viaduct. Proposal to send to T.D.C. – all agreed.

**The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Cllr T Lowther, at 7.06pm.**

### 36 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Mrs P Bloomfield
- Councillor Mrs K Henley

**RESOLVED** unanimously by the Members present and voting that these apologies and reasons for absence be accepted.

### 37 **Minutes**

Members present received the Minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee held on 19 October 2011, which were amended to show that Cllr Mrs Prowse and Cllr Mrs Payne were in attendance.

With the above amendment, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority of members present and voting that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting dated 19 October 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

### 38 **Reports for Information**

#### (i) **Bus Shelter at Cockwood**

The Chairman read a note from Cllr Mrs Bloomfield, who is progressing the erection of a bus shelter at the end of Cockwood Bridge.

#### (ii) **Update on Bridges**

The Brunswick Bridge can be put back into temporary use after repairs. The Chairman is having a meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### (iii) **Golf Course**

The Chairman and Cllr Miss Burrows met Mr Liddington re cutting down the number of holes on the golf course to have a bigger area for entertainment.

#### (iv) **Pest Control**

Treatment has started.

#### (v) **Dawlish in Bloom**

Cllr Mrs Lowther reported that 3500 bulbs had been planted around Dawlish. She thanked all the people who helped with the planting. She also thanked the District Councillors and the Mayor who contributed the bulbs.

Cllr Mrs Payne proposed thanks to Cllr Mrs Lowther and Mrs Val Mawhood. The Garden Society has been very supportive.

(vi) **Queen's Jubilee**

The Chairman reported on a public meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 attended by 50 people. A group was formed of representatives of the Carnival Committee, Royal British Legion, the Airshow Committee and the Chamber of Trade. The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Willoughby will take the Jubilee preparations work forward. Councillor Mrs Prowse offered to fund repairs to the beacon on Tuck's Plot which is to be lit as part of the Jubilee celebration. She also advised that the Olympic torch will be in Teignmouth on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Whether it will travel through Dawlish will not be known until 3 weeks before the date.

(vii) **Handrail at the Knowle**

The Chairman reported that the TDC Conservation Officer had advised that, due to the close proximity to the Museum, a listed building, planning permission would be required before installation of a handrail and traditional materials such as wrought iron should be used. Members agreed that these requirements would imply costs out of proportion to the need for a handrail and that no further action should be taken on the proposal.

(viii) **CCTV**

Information is made available in the reading file. The costs were felt to be reasonable this year but may go up considerably next year. Dawlish contributes £1,100 per year.

(ix) **Allotments Take-up**

Agreements have gone out and virtually everyone has taken up their agreement. Spare capacity will be looked at in conjunction with the waiting list.

(x) **Christmas Lights**

A working party met and the 'switch on' is set for 6pm Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 by the Mayor. Cllr Mrs Prowse suggested we let the police know about the event. A cheque has been given to Mr Birdsey today to cover the cost of the fireworks at £90. Lighting has been checked and the Chairman is waiting for a price on the replacement of the non-working bulbs.

(xi) **Snow Wardens**

The Chairman is the Snow Warden and has been trained. An advantage of the scheme is the provision by Devon County Council of 5 tonnes of free salt. The Chairman is investigating storage.

**39** The Carnival Committee wishes to use the Market Stalls on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2011. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously by those members present and voting to allow the Stalls to be used.

- 40 (i) **Purchasing of road salt**  
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously by those members present and voting that the Chairman should proceed with negotiating a price and storage for this.
- (ii) **Galaxy Play Equipment**  
The Chairman reported that he has ordered the parts for the damaged play equipment.
- (iii) **Black Swan Toilets**  
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously by those members present and voting to remove the excessive contamination of the building and surroundings by pigeons, to clear blocked gutters and repair a broken drainpipe.
- (iv) It was **RESOLVED** unanimously by those members present and voting to purchase the necessary spares to allow the fitting of a “bird’s nest” swing to play equipment
- (v) It was **RESOLVED** unanimously by those members present and voting to install a water tap near the Lawn Bowling Green for hosing out of shelter near the OSS store.

41 **Correspondence**

- (i) It was noted that a licence for a street collection request from Carnival Committee has been received.
- (ii) It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman approach the Tourist Board to see if a notice board could be mounted on the building and to do a feasibility study.

42 **Late Items**

It was reported that tiles are missing from the lawn toilets and Tourist Information Office. The Chairman proposed and it was **RESOLVED** unanimously by those members present and voting that he investigate the cost of repairs.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm allowing comments from members of the public.

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Cllr T Lowther  
Chairman