



## **DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Civic Amenities Committee  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday 17 February 2016 at 7.00 pm

### **Present**

Councillor Alison Foden (Chairman)  
Councillors John Petherick, Linda Petherick, Rosalind Prowse.

### **Officer in attendance**

Ann Tipper (Town Clerk)

### **Items for urgent attention**

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm.

### **183 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howard Almond, Angela Fenne, Terry Lowther and Carol Payne all on health grounds.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to accept these apologies.

### **184 Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### **185 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016 were considered for approval and signature by the Chairman as a correct record of this meeting.

**RESOLVED:** unanimously that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 20 January 2016 are approved and adopted and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **186 The Brook Dawlish**

#### **A Installation of Defibrillator**

The Chairman agreed that Standing Orders could be suspended in order to receive more information about the site of the defibrillator.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to suspend Standing Orders.

The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor had pointed out that the Manor House porch was now licensed for weddings and expressed concern that installing the defibrillator there would detract from the appearance of the building. He had suggested it should be installed next to the side entrance to the building.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to reinstate Standing Orders.

Members agreed with the Mayor's suggestion.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: that the defibrillator should be installed next to the side entrance to be building.

## **C Culling Pigeons**

It was noted that the following advice had been received from Teignbridge District Council:

There are the obvious concerns that this matter might be contentious with the wider public. With this in mind, Teignbridge DC would be prepared to grant permission/a licence for the Town Council to undertake the cull on the following basis;

- that the Town Council consult with local TDC Ward Members
- that the Town Council consult or undertake some form of public consultation to ensure the public have an opportunity to comment before the cull
- that the Town Council obtain the appropriate licence direct from Natural England
- that you consult direct with Mark Payne to agree practical arrangements and method statement of how you propose to undertake the cull. There may also be the need to consult with TDC's Health & Safety Advisor in this respect.
- that any costs associated with the cull are the responsibility of the Town Council. If this matter can be dealt with by the exchange of correspondence I would not propose that Teignbridge (as Landowner) charge any fees to cover our professional costs.

The Town Clerk reported that the Outside Services Supervisor considered a cull was necessary as the pigeon population was expanding, there had been complaints about them from owners of properties in Brunswick Place, they ate the food purchased for the waterfowl, carried lice and their faeces could carry disease. He would cull them by luring them into the Waterfowl Enclosure and breaking their necks.

The Chairman agreed to suspend Standing Orders to hear from the Town Centre Development Manager.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to suspend Standing Orders.

The Town Centre Development Manager for Teignmouth & Dawlish advised that there had been a similar problem with pigeons in Teignmouth and they had used a product to deter nesting.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to reinstate Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: that there should not be a cull of pigeons and another way should be found to discourage them from congregating around The Brook.

**D Brunel Trail Board**

Members agreed with the suggestion from Teignbridge District Council that the board should be sited on the wall of the Tourist Information building when a suitable method of attaching it had been found.

**187 Bench on The Strand**

It was noted that Devon County Council had moved the bench which had been outside the Co-op to outside Lloyds Bank and they had also secured the bench outside Boots the Chemist.

**188 Dog Mess Bags**

The Chairman agreed to suspend Standing Orders to hear from the Town Centre Development Manager.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to suspend Standing Orders.

The Town Centre Development Manager reported that a local veterinary practice had offered £1,000 a year sponsorship for these bags.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to reinstate Standing Orders.

Members asked the Town Centre Development Manager to explore the possibility of sponsorship of these bags.

**189 Brown's Brook Allotments**

It was noted that a positive meeting between the Allotment Working Party and allotment holders had been held on 26 January 2016 at The Manor House, the Chairman had stood down and a new committee would be elected in March. It was agreed that members of the Allotment Working Group should check with the Brown's Brook Allotment Association that legal advice had been taken regarding their agreement.

**190 Flag Pole on The Lawn**

Consideration was given to a request from the Town Centre Development Manager to carry out repairs to the flag pole so that it could be used to fly flags for Dawlish events. It was noted that Teignbridge District Council did not use the flagpole so would remove it rather than carry out repairs and they had asked if the town council would be prepared to take on

the maintenance. It was confirmed that the cost of repairing the flagpole had been included in the budget.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: That Dawlish Town Council takes on responsibility for maintenance of the flagpole.

**191 Notice Boards**

Consideration was given to a request from Open Daw for header plinths on the notice boards adjacent to the Waterfowl Enclosure to explain one contained general notices and the other waterfowl information. The cost would be £90 per plinth and £4.90 per letter. The Town Clerk would choose appropriate headings.

**RESOLVED** unanimously: to purchase header plinths for the notice boards.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Councillor Alison Foden  
CHAIRMAN