



# **DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL**

## Minutes of a Meeting of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 7.00 pm

### **Present:**

Councillor Clemens (Chairman)  
Councillors Lowther, Nickless, and Wrigley

### **Other Town Councillors Present:**

Councillor Alison Foden

### **Officers in attendance**

Yola Mitchell – Finance Officer  
Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

### **Members of the public**

There were no members of the public present.

### **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **90 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Almond, A Fenne, Mayne and Taylor.

### **91 Minutes**

Members present and voting received the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 23 November 2017.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the 23 November 2017 meeting be signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to typographical errors being corrected.

### **92 To consider requests for dispensation**

No requests were received.

### **93 To consider grant applications received**

No grant applications had been received.

### **94 Electors Fund**

Members considered how the Elector Fund Grant should be spent.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Elector Fund should be requested for the purchase of 9 – 10 benches along Kings Walk and that other funds within the budget be looked at to facilitate the alternative suggestions put forward at the November F&GP Meeting.

**95 Internal Auditors Report**

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

**96 Manor House Business Rates Appeal**

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

**97 Dawlish Town Council Budget & Precept demand for the Financial year 2018/19**

Members considered the Budget & Precept demand report for the Financial year 2018/19 for recommendation to full Town Council.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the Budget & Precept demand report be recommended for approval by full Town Council.

**98 Sandy Lane Skate Park**

Cllr Lowther gave a report from the working party with regard to the fencing and equipment at the Skate Park.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to defer a decision regarding the replacement of fencing pending a risk assessment as recommended by ROSPA .

**RESOLVED** unanimously that subject to three quotes being submitted that funding is allocated for the best value quote for repair of equipment.

**99 Urban Grass Cutting**

Members considered the whether the town council should accept a quote from IdVerde for 6 cuts a year which would include a financial contribution from Devon County Council towards the cutting of visibility splays.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to continue with the existing contract of 4 cuts a year with the option of requesting an additional cut if required.

**100 Funding Request Dawlish Events Guide 2018**

Members considered the request submitted by the Town Centre Development Manager

**RESOLVED** unanimously that funding be approved.

**101 Invoices for Payment, Direct Debit and Income**

Members present received and considered the report of invoices paid, direct debits and income received since the last report to the Committee.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that this report be approved.

**102 Bank Reconciliation**

Members present received and considered the bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2017.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the report be approved.

**103 Financial Report**

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the 31 December 2017 Budget Comparison be approved.

Following analysis of the budget report members resolved the following:

- The they would like to set up a discussion with Teignbridge to have a progression dredging scheme established in 12 months
- That the allotment rent policy be reviewed in October
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**104 Items from Civic Amenities Committee**

There were no items from the Civic Amenities Committee

**105 Items from Events Committee**

There were no items from the Events Committee

**106 Late Items**

**106.1 Erection of Banners on The Strand**

Members considered two quote options for the erection of banners on The Strand.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the quote of £200 to include supply and installation.

**106.2 Street Lights on Sea Lawn Terrace**

Members considered the funding of the 3 street lights on Sea Lawn Terrace and Riviera Terrace, which are threatened with being switched off on Friday 26th January 2018.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to a defer the decision pending the report from the Ombudsman.

**Part II Exclusion of the Public and Press – The Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business:

**107 Salary and Expenses**

(Confidential by virtue of relating to members of staff)

Salaries and Expenses for November and December 2017 were noted.

The meeting was closed by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Humphrey Clemens at 8.20pm.

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Cllr Humphrey Clemens, Chairman