

Dawlish Town Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Town Council
Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 4 July 2018

Present:

Councillors Mayne (Mayor), Foden (Deputy Mayor),

In attendance:

Yola Mitchell (Finance Officer), Councillor John Clatworthy (Devon County Council) and one member of the public who did not wish to speak.

Declarations of Interest:

There were none

Urgent Items

There were two late items:

- Flying the Red Ensign ashore on Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2018
- Starcross and Cockwood floodgates

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Town Council and may be subject to change until that time.

46 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A. Fenne, G. Fenne.
Councillor Wrigley advised that he would be delayed and arrived at 7.30pm.

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

47 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

RESOLVED – Parts I and II agreed

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

49 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

50 DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE

During the month of June there have been 181 incidents reported to the Police for Dawlish town. Including 9 domestic related and 8 missing person reports.

There have been 50 crimes recorded including:

- 1 Arson
- 6 Assaults
- 1 Attempt Burglary
- 1 Blackmail
- 3 Common Assaults
- 11 Criminal Damage
- 1 Dog Not Under Proper Control
- 1 Drive Motor Vehicle above Alcohol Limit
- 1 Drunk & Disorderly
- 3 Harassment
- 1 Non counting Fraud
- 2 Possess controlled Drug
- 1 Possess Offensive Weapon
- 1 Sexual Assault on a Female
- 1 Racial / Religious Harassment
- 1 Stalking
- 8 Thefts
- 5 Threatening Abusive Words / Behaviour
- 1 Vehicle Interference

Teignbridge Council have reported another case of arson in the public toilets at Boat Cove. Toilet paper was set alight causing damage to a toilet seat and created a lot of mess for SHS to clean up. As a result the council took the decision to shut the toilets.

Teignbridge Council have also reported an increase in graffiti occurring at the Public Shelter located on the footpath directly above the Public Toilets. Black, silver, yellow and blue paints has been sprayed on the walls and benches.

In Mays Police report we reported positive action relating to drug supply around the town. As a result of the drugs warrant carried out at a property within the town, a further male linked to the address has been searched by officers. The male was also found to be in possession of a quantity of class A drugs. This male was in breach of his licence conditions and promptly returned to prison.

51 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 June 2018 be approved.

52 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION

Resolved that the minutes set out below, approved by the relevant Committee and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting, be adopted:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 24 May 2018
- Civic Amenities Committee – 31 May 2018 - deferred to the next meeting

53 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Lisa Mayne's engagements:

11 June - Westcliff School with Vanessa Riley for Dawlish Against Plastics to talk to the children

14 June – Hosted a cream tea for 24 members of Chester 'Let's Go Stroke' Club

22 June – Opened Sefton Hall Dementia Village

22 June – Attended Dawlish Garden Trust

25 June – Chaired Assist Teignbridge AGM

26 June – Chaired East Teignbridge Community Transport AGM

30 June – Armed Forces Day

1 July – Judged Vintage Cars at the American Car Show

54 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr John Clatworthy:

1. Since the last meeting there have been further problems with the Cofton rising main and I have been in contact with SWW and it has now been agreed 200 metres of the sewer will be replaced from South Cottage and between February 19 and March 19 60 metres and up-sizing of the sewer in Week Lane is to take place. A planning application has been made by SWW to Devon CC to extend the existing operational sewerage pumping station in Secmaton Lane with a new access and turning area and as the local member have asked for it to be an officer decision.
2. The proposed diversion of Footpath 5A which is a continuation of Love Lane into Teignmouth has been dropped following 50+ objections.
3. DCC is awaiting confirmation of the improved Grant of £4.9 million before commencing the detailed design on the Link Road.
4. A report is awaited to Cabinet about existing street lights in unadopted roads.
5. I understand from the DCC Cabinet member for Infrastructure that funding for the improvements to the railway will be made available.

6. The new classrooms at WestCliff School will be completed for the autumn term and I have made available a grant for their Eco Club.

55 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Rosalind Prowse attended the following:

- Dawlish Garden Trust
- Armed Forces Day
- ETCTA AGM
- Overview and Scrutiny
- A presentation from South West Water
- Teignbridge District Council Planning Committee
- Met with the new Teignbridge Monitoring Officer

Cllr Humphrey Clemens:

12 June – Met with the portfolio holder and officers regarding the sports pitch provision in Teignbridge

18 June – Teign Estuary Partnership (highlighted the availability of a £500 grant fund that Dawlish can apply for)

19 June – Local Plan Review

20 June – Met with Dawlish Warren Traders re the Habitat Regulations

2 July – Chaired Leadership

3 July – Planning Committee / South West Water presentation

56 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Howard Almond's report:

Coastal Engagement Group 20th June 2018.

This meeting was primarily concerned with the ongoing community engagement exercise regarding the reconfiguration of the Teignmouth Hospital, and the relocation of the doctor's surgeries in Teignmouth.

It is intended that firm proposals will be put forward for consultation later in the year. The consultation will most likely put forward a 'preferred option' with the reasons together with one or possibly two alternative solutions.

These proposals will have an effect on Dawlish as some medical services currently delivered at Teignmouth may be moved to Torbay.

The separate issue about whether there should be rehabilitation beds at Teignmouth will be covered in the same consultation.

CCTV working party

From a discussion with the local neighbourhood policing team it is clear that it would be beneficial to have some form of connection from our system to an area wide monitoring system where our local police would be able to call up to have camera angles etc. changed.

We will be separately looking at whether our cameras need upgrading, and whether we need additional cameras.

CIC Joint Working party report

There have been several meetings of the joint working party over the past weeks. Unfortunately, because of time pressures not everyone could get to all the meetings.

There is a strong consensus that the creation of a single post of 'Town Centre Manager' would be the most sensible way forward to promote the town, to increase footfall, and generally increase the prosperity of the two towns.

It is recognized that although the towns have very different characters and different needs, they need to cooperate closely and act in many instances as a single 'mind'.

Cllr Humphrey Clemens added:

8 June – Attendance at Holcombe Residents Association, commending the presentation beforehand on the Templar Way

Cllr Terry Lowther:

- Thanked members for attendance at Armed Forces Day
- Invited members to attend and support the Dawlish Town Crier during Carnival week and take an interest in subsequent events where they represent the town

Cllr Humphrey Clemens:

- Invited members to attend the South West Youth Games at the weekend

Cllr Val Mawhood:

Wished to highlight that the Civic Amenities Committee had facilitated the Skate Park repairs in time for the South West Youth Games

57 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Prowse reported that the cost of hiring a consultant to write the Dawlish Neighbourhood Plan would be in the region of £30,000. The council currently holds £15,000 in the budget which has not been spent so another £15,000 would need to be allocated to move forward (part of which could be recovered with subsequent grants).

Following discussion regarding how the neighbourhood plan will impact on Dawlish members **RESOLVED** unanimously to pledge the additional £15,000.

58 WAR MEMORIAL & GROUNDS LEASE

Members considered the three options given in the Town Clerk's report.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve option c:

That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor, to sign a new lease for the War Memorial and Gardens subject to the Clerk being satisfied that the newly drafted lease addresses Members' concerns raised at the Town Council meeting on 6 June.

It further agreed that the length of the new lease should be seven years.

59 JOINT DAWLISH AND TEIGNMOUTH WORKING GROUP

Members considered the recommendations made in the report of the Dawlish and Teignmouth Joint Working Group regarding the post of the Town Centre Development Manager.

A lengthy discussion then ensued where the following points were raised:

- Governance, management, cost and ability needed to be determined to accurately measure performance;
- Potential conflict / disparity in terms of one post holder being able to split their time, commitment and value for money equally between two separate towns;
- Concerns regarding spending on a new position before consolidating the roles of existing council officers;
- Dawlish and Teignmouth have differing needs, so Teignmouth may receive a 'better deal' from a joint arrangement;
- The report did not identify clear benefits as to why the post needs to be joint, so more time would be needed to investigate this as there are issues that cannot be resolved without involving both towns in some capacity; and
- The remit of the role need to be clearly defined to focus on pushing forward town centre development which the council does not cover (with more involvement from traders) and avoid duplication of other officer roles in terms of events.

Resolved unanimously that the report as set out be rejected but Council empowered representatives to go back to continued discussions with Teignmouth Town Council in order to come up with a solution that is fit for purpose and beneficial to Dawlish.

Members were not currently happy with the idea of a joint Town Centre Development Manager, as proposed.

60 STREET INSPECTION

Cllr Foden briefed members regarding the request to nominate and appoint a Councillor to act as a Council representative during a walk about with County

Highways' Officers in Dawlish Town centre.

Resolved – Cllr Foden was nominated and appointed as the council representative

61 LATE ITEMS

61.1 FLYING THE ENSIGN

Members were asked to consider flying the Red Ensign ashore on Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2018

Resolved – the Ensign has already been purchased and will be flown, organised via the Events Committee

61.2 STARCROSS AND COCKWOOD FLOODGATES

Cllr Wrigley briefed members regarding the proposal from the Environment Agency with reference to Starcross and Cockwood flood prevention and the associated Memorandum of Understanding.

The Environment Agency needs to train volunteers to operate the new gates being put in place and have requested that Dawlish Town Council (and Starcross) back the scheme by extending their public liability insurance to the volunteer teams within their area.

Resolved – unanimously to empower the Town Clerk to find out the limits of the council's public liability insurance, whether the location of the gates would be covered and if there is an additional charge to include the volunteers on the Council's insurance. Any additional cost to come back for member approval.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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Cllr Lisa Mayne
MAYOR OF DAWLISH