

## **DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Civic Amenities Committee  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 18 July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

### **Present**

Councillor Mawhood (Chairman)  
Councillor Prowse (Vice Chairman), Foden (Deputy Mayor), Lowther, Robins, Taylor and Wrigley.

### **Absent**

Councillors A. Fenne and G. Fenne.

### **Other Members in attendance**

None.

### **Officer in attendance**

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Items requiring Urgent Attention**

None.

### **Public Participation**

There were two members of the public in attendance. One asked for an update as to the ongoing investigation into recent dog attacks by swans, and whether any of the suggestions put forward in the recent petition had been investigated and/or actioned.

***The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee and may be subject to change until that time.***

*At this juncture, the Chairman advised that with Members consent, the Waterfowl Update item would be brought forward so Members of the public were not waiting unnecessarily. This was agreed by Members present.*

### **19 APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been received.

### **20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There had been no requests for dispensations.

## **21 MINUTES**

**Resolved** unanimously that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 20 June 2018 be approved.

## **22 DAWLISH WATERFOWL**

The Clerk advised that investigators at Teignbridge District Council had made a request to the Police for copies of the CCTV footage used as part of the Police's own investigation. This had been agreed to and had been sent to officers at Teignbridge. Further updates would be given when known.

The Clerk had contacted Devon County Council about the permissibility of erecting warning signs showing a mother duck and duckling following at entry points to the town so as to warn motorists of free roaming waterfowl. He had also contacted Teignbridge District Council as to the possibility of painting warning signs on the path nearest to the Brook, in addition to exploring the option of restricting the walking of dogs near to the Brook. Responses were awaited to both questions.

In respect of the Waterfowl & Maintenance Warden vacancy, 28 requests for an application pack had been received however only 2 had been returned. It was hoped interviews would take place week commencing 23 July.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

## **23 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENT**

The Clerk advised Members that replacement fence posts had been ordered and would be purchased by the Waterfowl and Maintenance Warden when returning from annual leave week commencing 23 July.

With regard to the composting toilet, the Clerk was yet to receive the required location map concerning where they were proposed to be sited.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

## **24 SANDY LANE SKATE PARK**

The Chairman invited Member comment from those that had attended the skate park on 7 July during which the South West Youth Games were taking place at the site. Members had been pleased to see the facility being used by groups of all ages.

The Council would await the feedback from Teignbridge with the full results of the consultation on the 7 July and would be fed back to the next appropriate Committee meeting.

The Clerk advised that works to replace the fencing around the skate park had been ordered and would be installed shortly.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

## **25 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK**

The Clerk advised that an update on the brief recently sent to Teignbridge Council for comment was still awaited. He would advise Members once this had been received.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

## **26 LEA MOUNT BENCHES / ANNUAL MANAGEMENT**

The Chairman reported on the successful walkabout with officers from Teignbridge Council which took place at Lea Mount. This was the second such walkabout this year. Discussion centred on the maintenance of the area, particularly concerning the overgrowth, lack of benches and annual cutting of the area.

The Chairman was also pleased to note how quickly other matters had been actioned by Teignbridge following the walkabout.

It had been suggested that a picnic table of substantial quality be purchased to improve the public amenities at the site and would be less able to be vandalised, at a cost of approximately £500. Currently Lea Mount had a full cut once every three years however Teignbridge had suggested that if the Town Council were willing to commit approx. £600 per annum, Teignbridge would investigate the possibility of arrange for the area to be cut annually.

Following Member discussion, it was

**Resolved** that

- (a) the purchasing of a picnic bench to be sourced and installed by Teignbridge District Council be approved;
- (b) the Civic Amenities Committee recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee that it looks to include an annual commitment of approx. £600 during the budget setting process to bring about annual maintenance cuts of Lea Mount;
- (c) Councillor Prowse be asked to liaise with Teignbridge District Council regards the possibility of siting a new mixed waste and recycling bin to be installed at Lea Mount for visitors of the area to use.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.*

Councillor Val Mawhood  
CHAIRMAN