

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 21 November 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Foden and Wrigley.

Absent

Councillor Taylor

Officer in attendance

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

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.

50 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Fenne, G. Fenne, Lowther, Prowse and Robins.

51 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

53 MINUTES

Resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 17 October 2018 be approved

54 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

The Clerk updated Members as follows:

- A female cayuga duck had been purchased on 20 October;
- A 3-month-old black swan cygnet has passed away on 24 October; and
- 4 cygnets had hatched on 28 October and had been pinioned on 31 October.

In respect of formalising the gates at Tucks Plot to prevent access to the footpath when the Black Swans were nesting, a quote had been received at a cost of £1685.22 for the two gates including hanging and latch posts as needed. Members were minded to accept the quote subject to the being agreed by a majority of Members, communicated via email to the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk advised he was to follow up checking whether there was a suitable location to rehouse the waterfowl in the event of bird disease being found locally. He would report back when he was in receipt of further information.

Resolved that

- (a) The update be noted;
- (b) That approval be given to the purchasing of the gates at Tuck's Plot subject to the final design being approved by a majority of Members via email to the Town Clerk; and
- (c) The Clerk to advise in due course regards an alternative refuge for the waterfowl in the event of bird disease being found locally.

55 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

Members received an updated from the Allotment Association as follows:

- *Rails for fencing; while some rails might have a little life left in them, given that we are going to be doing this job and hoping not to redo it for 10 years or so, it probably makes economic sense to replace them all. So, there are 2 lines each of about 15 metres – total of 30 metres. Any rails that can then be reused elsewhere on the plot (eg for composting areas) will be and partial rails offered to plot holders for raised bedding.*
- *Mr Buckland late spring Garden show. We intend to support Mr Buckland's springtime show at Powderham. The plan is to have a stand alongside the National Allotment Society. We hope to invite manufacturer of compost toilets offer us a favourable price for one of their units and then be able to display one at the show to support our fund raising – early days yet. We intend to apply for a grant to contribute towards the unit cost, but the application is not in yet.*

Members noted the planning permissions within the Local Plan Policy DA2 and the provision of allotments. It was proposed that Dawlish Town Council takes on management any new allotments should the opportunity arise within the new developments in the DA2 area.

Resolved

- (a) That the update be noted; and
- (b) That Dawlish Town Council takes on management any new allotments should the opportunity arise within the new developments in the DA2 area.

56 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK

The Clerk advised the brief had been circulated and received; the provider had asked if the Council would like a mock plan and costing to which the answer had been yes, however no response had yet been returned.

Resolved that the update be noted.

57 FESTIVE LIGHTS

The Clerk advised that as per the agenda item, comments were still awaited from relevant authorities as to the permissibility of positioning additional festive lighting around Tuck's Plot.

At this juncture, Councillor Wrigley reported that the lights over The Brook had been switched off and in addition lights had been switched off on the inside of the Bandstand, the street light immediately outside the bandstand and the Swan lights on the Lawn side of Jubilee Bridge.

The Clerk advised he was aware Teignbridge would be undertaking a survey of the decorative lighting from October to late November and replacing bulbs where necessary but he would bring to the attention of Teignbridge the lights not working in and around the Bandstand.

Resolved that the update be noted.

58 PARISH AND TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

The Chairman referred to the previously circulated Parish and Town Centre Audit document, which included elements of the previous audit not yet undertaken. It was suggested that the document be a 'living' document and requested that Councillors feed issues in their ward into the document so that the proper authorities can be alerted and works undertaken to remedy any problems.

Resolved that the document be noted and placed on the website.

59 DOG WASTE BINS

The Chairman advised that stickers had now been received and placed strategically advising members of the public that dog waste could now be deposited in those waste bins.

Members considered the options available to employ a Community Environment Warden to enforce litter and dog waste fines. Members wished for this to be part of the upcoming budget preparations made by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and it was proposed that the Clerk should contact Teignmouth Town Council to see if there was appetite for some form of shared post with costs shared equally between the towns.

Resolved that the update be noted and the Clerk to write to Teignmouth Town Council formally asking whether they would be interested in exploring a shared Community Environment Warden post.

60 GREEN SPACES

The Chairman hailed the improvement that had been seen across the town in regards green spaces, particularly at Lea Mount and praised the new working relationship with officers from Teignbridge District Council and the work being undertaken by them, on the recommendation of the Town Council.

Resolved that the update be noted.

61 MONTEREY PINE

Members received the report of the Arboriculturalist who confirmed the Monterey Pine within the Manor House grounds was currently in good order and should continue to be monitored on an annual basis, unless matters escalated in the interim.

Resolved that the update be noted.

It was suggested that an annual maintenance schedule of Town Council assets be developed. The Town Clerk advised he would ask staff to set this up.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN