

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Foden, Lowther, Taylor and Wrigley.

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.

62 APOLOGIES

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

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

63 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

65 MINUTES

Resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 21 November 2019 be approved.

66 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman advised that a plan was still awaited for the siting of the composting toilet, and repairs to the fence surrounding the car park would be undertaken by the Allotment Association following the provision of fence posts by the Town Council and top rails being supplied by the Association subject to them confirming the lengths required.

Resolved that the update be noted.

67 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

(a) Updates

The Clerk advised that a duck had been taken sick and investigations were being pursued by the vets. It was anticipated that antibiotics would be provided, and its progress would be monitored.

Resolved that the update be noted.

The Clerk submitted enquiries continued to be made as to the permissibility of siting warning signs of roaming wildfowl being affixed to County Council street furniture. An update would be provided when information was forthcoming.

(b) Metal Railings

The Clerk advised that as per the terms of the lease for the Waterfowl Compound, the adjacent fencing running along Brunswick Place up to the footbridge was the responsibility of the Town Council. Having asked the District whether they would be happy for the existing fence to be replaced with a more permanent metal style to be in keeping with existing fencing further up the Brook, there was no objection

The Clerk asked Members whether he should obtain three quotes for the supply and installation of said fence.

Resolved that the Clerk obtain three quotes for the supply and installation of fencing to be in keeping with existing fencing running over the footbridge and further up The Brook, to be reported back to the next meeting of the Committee, if available.

68 PARISH AND TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

Prior to providing an update, Councillor Wrigley asked if there were any updates, or could be included in, the audit:

- the tree stump adjacent to the footbridge on Brunswick Place and its removal as the paving had become dangerously uneven;

- was there a maintenance schedule for Manor Gardens to the north of the play park, in particular the hedgerow; and
- Whether there were any suggestions of timescales as to the repair of the footbridge from the rear of the doctor's surgery to Brook Street.

The Clerk advised that the highways officer was aware of the uneven pavement and would pursue a resolution to this, questions would be asked of Teignbridge as to the management of the hedgerow in Manor Gardens, and the Clerk would find out about timescales concerning the repair of the footbridge across the Brook. Questions had been asked of the Highways Authority to implement interim measures to make the ground safe until a permanent solution had been implemented.

The Clerk advised that the wider audit had been circulated to both Teignbridge and Devon County for action where necessary. He had been pleased to see works on John Nash Drive in removing and cutting back trees close to the road line which had been obscuring the street lights.

Councillor Taylor reported rats had be sighted near Brunel Court, which was run by The Guinness Partnership. The Clerk would contact the management company to draw their attention to this.

Further enquiries would be made of Teignbridge to have the lights turned back on around the bandstand on The Lawn.

The Chairman thanked Members for their input and encouraged others to inform the Council officers of any additional items that may come up over time. The audit would be placed on the website for wider information.

Resolved that the update be noted.

69 COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

Councillor Foden advised that following enquiries made last year as to who would manage any newly installed noticeboards at the new developments, she was now aware of three sites accepting a responsibility to provide and manage information contained within any boards purchased by the Town Council.

Discussion ensued with suggestions for other siting's, particularly in areas of high publicity such as Sainsbury's, Sandy Lane and Barton Car Parks. It was suggested initially that Section 106 and / or Community Infrastructure Levy funds be applied for to purchase such boards, prior to relying on the Town Council's resources.

It was then **resolved** that three examples of large and small notice boards be circulated to Members, and if under £2,000 be confirmed by majority of Members of the Committee; if over £2,000 would be added to the agenda of the next meeting of

the Committee for decision. The first installations would take place at the Buntings / Gatehouse developments and Little Week Play Park.

70 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK

The Clerk circulated the plantage provided in the indicative quote. Members were pleased with the suggestions made by the provider, which included a picnic bench, children's play table, wendy house, new climbing frame with slide and monkey bars, basket swing and a set of swings.

Resolved that plantage be noted and the Clerk be authorised to begin the formal tender process.

71 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members **resolved** the following resolution:

That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

72 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK

Members considered the itemised list and corresponding prices for the equipment, cost of groundworks and installation.

Members asked that a replacement fence, so something of equal measure as that at the play park on Sandy Lane, be priced into the quote.

Resolved that the indicative price be noted, and the Clerk be authorised to begin the formal tender process.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN