

Dawlish Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the
Town Council
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 6 February 2019 at 7 p.m.

Present:

Councillors Foden (Deputy Mayor), Bloomfield, G. Fenne, Goodman-Bradbury, Lowther, Mawhood, Nickless, Robins, Tamlyn and Taylor.

Absent:

Councillors Clemens, and Prowse.

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk and one member of the public who wished to speak to the Clerk's Report.

Public Participation

A member of the public wished to thank the Town Council and all those involved regards the major gas incident on Monday, 4 February. She had been dismayed to read the Dawlish Gazette's reporting which had focused on a sole business in the town and, whilst not wishing to diminish the role they would have played for those stranded at the premises, it was disappointing not to see any coverage of the Town Councils efforts where some 70-80 people took refuge and received help from volunteers, locally donated food and drink from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. She would be writing to the Gazette to highlight this.

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.

Part I

156 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Almond, A. Fenne and Mayne (Mayor).

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

157 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

There was no Part II.

158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

159 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

160 DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE

No report had been received.

161 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 30 January be approved as a correct and accurate record.

162 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 that meeting, be adopted:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 22 November 2018;
- Civic Amenities Committee – 21 November 2018;
- Events Committee – 6 November 2018.

163 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk thanked all those who had been involved in establishing the Riverside Centre during the major gas incident on Monday, 4 February. With a common-sense approach and working with partners such as Devon & Cornwall Police, Teignbridge District Council, health services and others, it had demonstrated how the community could come together and help those in need.

Following discussion, it was agreed that now was the time to update our Town Council's Emergency Plan. The Clerk would schedule meetings with those appointed last year. It was suggested, if not already present, that the Riverside Centre be included as one of the designated evacuation points should it be required.

164 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUCEMENTS

None received.

165 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report had been provided at the meeting held on 30 January.

166 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None received.

167 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mawhood

Madam Chair

Having lobbied for a Rural Skip service for the South West Ward I was please to see the service in action on Saturday 26 January. Having been widely advertised in the Dawlish Gazette, and by posters ad social media it was very well used and much welcomed. Users are keen to see this becoming a regular event.

I have seen that many problems identified in our Audit dealing with matters involving local authorities are gradually being dealt with. Similarly, those concerns raised with Teignbridge officers concerning our green spaces are also being steadily progressed. Both the audit and the report for the green spaces officer have been prepared by the Civic Amenities Committee.

Monday was indeed an unusual day for Dawlish but helping out at the Riverside Centre for the duration showed me that Dawlish is full of people who rise to the occasion and volunteer without hesitation. Of course, the emergency services did sterling work, but the day also proved once again that Dawlish residents are special people who simply keep calm and carry on.

Councillor Foden

Councillor Foden commended all those involved during the evacuation period and thanked all the volunteers for their assistance on the day.

168 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/20

Members considered the previously circulated calendar of meetings for the 2019/20 municipal year.

It was **resolved** that the subject to Planning Committee dates being uniform as much as possible (3 weekly) and the date of the Annual Town Council Meeting being confirmed, the calendar of meetings be approved as set out.

169 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Members considered the most recently received internal auditor's update.

Members commended Town Council officers for the ongoing improvement to the Councils accounting practices, as formally noted by the internal auditor.

Resolved that the report and its contents be noted.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.31 p.m.

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Cllr Lisa Mayne
MAYOR OF DAWLISH