

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Prowse, Foden (Deputy Mayor and ex officio), Lowther, Robins and Taylor.

Absent

Councillors A. Fenne and G. Fenne.

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.

Urgent Item

The Chairman advised she would take an urgent item at the end of the meeting regards the Council's Civic Award.

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.

73 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mayne (Mayor) and Wrigley.

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

74 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

76 MINUTES

Resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 16 January 2019 be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- minute 69, paragraph 1, 3rd line reading *she was now aware of three sites giving permission to site notice boards with OpenDaw providing and managing information contained within;*
- minute 66 – 4th line to read *and top rails being supplied by the Town Council, subject to the Association confirming the lengths required*
- minute 68 – 3rd paragraph, to read *the highways officer was aware of the uneven pavement and the suggestion of using a metal plate as used by utilities companies as an interim measure to create a flat surface.*

77 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman advised that the Allotment Association had communicated that some upright posts had been purchased and in addition, 16x 3.6m long split posts (11cm diameter) and 4 additional uprights were required.

In addition, the Association would be investigating plot sizes and other matters to aid the Town Councils review into its allotment provision.

Resolved that the update be noted, and other equipment be purchased as necessary.

78 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

The Chairman requested confirmation of the amount of monies left from the funds raised at the Strand Café and that an update on stock be provided at the next meeting.

A number of plants had been gifted to the Waterfowl Compound by Teignbridge District Council; these had now been planted in the aviary for the benefit of the birds.

Resolved that the update be noted.

79 PARISH AND TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

The Clerk advised that the Neighbourhood Highways Officer had been asked whether an iron board being placed over the pavement opposite the old post office would be a suitable interim measure but as yet had not made comment.

Members submitted thanks for the planting that had taken place in the small flower bed opposite the old post office site.

Members wished to record their thanks to Mark Payne at Teignbridge District Council and Helen Frankpitt at Devon County Council for their continued efforts in rectifying issue in and around the Parish.

80 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK

Members were advised that the closing date for tenders was 20 March. There was agreement that those residents that had contributed to the brief for the playpark be advised as to progress.

Resolved that the update be noted.

80 DECORATIVE PLANTING CONTRACT

The Clerk advised that he had received correspondence from the Council's current decorative planting contractor which advised that whilst they would happy to provide floral displays for the forthcoming year, they were no longer able to water and maintain. Watering required a bowser of approximately 800L in size and roughly 3 watering a week, weather dependent.

Members noted the impressive displays provided by the current contractor.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved that the Clerk investigate and attempt to obtain quotations for carrying out the watering works on a standalone basis, and the costs for providing an all-in service.

81 CIVIC AWARD

Members considered the reintroduction of the Council's Civic Award. It was suggested that only one award be issued so as not to dilute prestige of the award. The Clerk stated that the pre-election period would commence from 18 March, therefore he suggested that nominations be invited with an advert in the press, followed by nominations being reported to the next Civic Amenities Committee. The Award could then be made by the retiring Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May.

Resolved that the Clerk make available nomination papers for the Councils Civic Award with a closing date of 15 March, with nominations being considered by the Civic Amenities Committee at its meeting on 20 March followed by a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May by the retiring Mayor of Dawlish.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN