

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Prowse, Lowther, Robins and 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.

82 APOLOGIES

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

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

83 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

85 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2019 be approved and signed as an accurate record.

86 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

No update had been received.

87 ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP

The Clerk requested Members consider the composition of an Allotment Working Group to review pitch fees for implementation next year. Following discussion, it was

Resolved that the Allotment Working Group be composed of the Chairman of the Civic Amenities Committee and two other interested Councillor. The Clerk to seek expressions of interest.

88 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

The Clerk reported that:

- 6 swans were sold last year
- 3 cygnets were sold to Mr Brown for £50.00 each;
- 1 swan was sold to Mrs Disney for £50.00
- 2 swans were sold Moonridge Farm for £60.00

Six eggs laid at the lower Brook were expected to hatch soon.

Resolved that the update be noted.

89 PARISH AND TOWN CENTRE AUDIT

The Clerk advised Members that the following areas had been stencilled by Teignbridge District Council in an effort to prevent dog fouling:

- High Street
- Secmaton Lane
- Elm Grove Road
- Stockton Lane
- Barton Lane

Residents were urged to report incidences of dog fouling online at <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-wellbeing/dogs/dog-fouling/>.

The footpath 34 in Cockwood had been de-mossed and cut back.

The Chairman urged Members to report anything requiring attention so that the Clerk could sign post the remedial works to the relevant authority.

Members noted that Teignbridge were going to review dog signage but had deferred this until the Public Spaces Protection Order had been implemented. Members considered this would be an appropriate agenda item post 2 May elections as would the possibility of establishing a shared Dog and Litter Warden for both Dawlish and Teignmouth Town Councils.

A review of dog waste bin positions on the Lawn would also be incorporated.

The Chairman advised that the Green Audit undertaken with Teignbridge Green Spaces department was continuing to yield positive results for the town.

Resolved that the update be noted, and the Chairman, previous Chairman and Clerk be thanked for their efforts in resolving many issues in the town.

90 DECORATIVE PLANTING CONTRACT

The Clerk advised that the Council's current decorative planting contractor had submitted that, whilst they would be able to undertake the supply of plants for the forthcoming summer and winter seasons, they would not be able to maintain and water such displaying due to operational capacity.

The Clerk stated that he had been investigating alternative suppliers and the Council's current grass cutting contractor had informed him that he had the necessary equipment to undertake such work and a quote was awaited. This would be provided at the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved that the update be noted.

91 SANDY LANE SKATE PARK

Members noted that the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee had authorised repair works to the ramp to ensure its operational safety.

Members considered it would be pertinent to investigate longer term, cost effective replacements for the wooden ramp in the forthcoming municipal year.

Resolved that the update be noted.

92 DAWLISH IN BLOOM

The Clerk advised in Councillor Foden's absence that entry forms would soon be available from the Manor House and the Council's website.

Resolved that the update be noted.

93 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members **resolved** that the following items of business may be taken in the absence of the Public and Press on grounds that Exempt Information may be disclosed as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 and the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.

94 DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC AWARD

Members considered the nominations received for this year's Civic Award.

Following discussion, Members resolved that the winner be announced by the outgoing Town Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15 May 2019.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN