

**Dawlish Town Council**  
Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Town Council  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 3 April 2019 at 7 p.m.

**Present:**

Councillors Mayne (Mayor), Foden (Deputy Mayor), Almond, Bloomfield, Clemens, Lowther, Mawhood, Prowse, Robins, Tamlyn and Taylor.

**In attendance:**

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk, Councillor John Clatworthy – Devon County Councillor, a representative of the press and 6 members of the public.

**Public Participation**

No one wished to raise any subject under the public participation scheme.

*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

**185 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Fenne, G. Fenne, Goodman-Bradbury, Nickless and Wrigley.

**Resolved** that the apologies be noted.

**186 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II**

There was no Part II.

**187 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**188 DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensations.

**189 DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE**

No report had been received.

## 190 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 6 February be approved as a correct and accurate record.

## 191 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 – 28 February 2019;
- Civic Amenities Committee – 20 February 2019;
- Events Committee – 20 January 2019.
- Planning Committee – 21 February 2019

## 192 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report.

## 193 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor wished those standing down at the May elections, Councillors Almond, Bloomfield and Robins best wishes for the future. The Mayor went on to wish all other Members standing for re-election good luck in the forthcoming elections.

## 194 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### Councillor Clatworthy

*1 - South west water have an application to DCC to raise the existing building housing pumps by 1 metre to assist with the removal of pumps plus doors and wash down area, this will be an officer decision. I attended a meeting on site with Cllrs Hockin and Wrigley with SWW to be updated on the works in hand and proposed.*

*2 - With regard to the Link road still waiting to hear when the three agreements have been completed to start work earnestly on the planning application for the road and bridge.*

*3 - The Community Payback scheme is to be used to clear the area in Springfield Gardens.*

*4 - Orchard Manor School (formerly Radcliffe and Oaklands) to increase pupil numbers from 156 to 180 and £555k has been approved to remodel some classrooms and ancillary works so that additional numbers can be accommodated.*

5 - I still Chair the Member Asset Group and this financial year capital receipts of £11+ million has been received against £7million in the Budget book and will be used to help fund the capital programme.

6 - Following the Stagecoach consultation there is to be an additional early morning service on Route 2 at 5.40 off Dawlish Monday to Friday and service 2B to be re-introduced with an hourly service to Exeter via Matford and Marsh Barton.

## 195 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### Councillor Clemens

March

7th Agents meeting for NA3 Langford Bridge Planning Application.

11th GESP update meeting.

13th Planning Cafe. A meeting with Planners and representatives from town Councils and other interested bodies and individuals on issues related to the Local Plan 5 year review.

18th Leadership. A meeting of the Executive Committee and officer leads on ongoing projects.

19th Planning

Teign Estuary Partnership.

20 Affordable Housing discussion with Officers, the Leader of the independents and a representative for the Leader of the Lib Dems on AH issues to be considered and amended for the 5-year revision of the local Plan.

21 A meeting called by CPRE at Sandy Park questioning the housing need as prescribed by the Government. They have commissioned a report that suggest the Government figures are far too high. A bandwagon some are only too quick to jump on but they do not recognise there is a housing shortage of open market or Affordable.

I was amazed when the Lib Dems at Teignbridge claimed that we were building too many *housed when the campaign group 'NewtonSaysNo' were behind them and above them in the gallery.* I was surprised as their policies approved at Conference said they would deliver 300,000 new houses a year by 2022 to tackle the housing crises. The same number all three parties are claiming we need but even the new criteria for assessing *housing need by the Government that increases Teignbridge's annual delivery targets from 620 per annum to 777per annum will only deliver 264,000 homes a year and rely on windfall sites to deliver the shortfall.*

26th Newton Abbot Town Team with Representatives from Education, Highways, Police Town Centre manager, CCTV group, TDC officers on issues in and around Newton Abbot.

On the morning of the 26th and for parts of the next two days I attended the appeal of the NA3 Development site for housing, schools, community facilities etc. and as with Secmaton Lane in Dawlish, a major link road through sites under different ownership.

April 3rd Gipsy and Traveller Forum.

## 196 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### Councillor Mawhood

*Since the last Town Council meeting, I have attended meetings of the Events Committee, Finance & General Purposes Committee and the Lawn Working Party. I also attended and Chaired the March meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee.*

*I was most pleased to attend the flag raising ceremony on the Lawn on Commonwealth Day when the windy weather did not affect the ceremony but ensured that the flag flew!*

*Having been invited to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Dawlish Community Transport I was most impressed by the Event which included singing by community groups. Dawlish definitely has talent. Assist Teignbridge and Open Daw were also very much involved in the celebrations and ensured that everything ran smoothly. This was a great example of why Dawlish is such a good place to live, with so many people willingly giving their time for the benefit of the whole community.*

*I have recently assisted with the creation of a Wildlife Garden by TDC, a project brought forward by Teignbridge Officer Mark Payne and involving pupils from Westcliff School. I have planted further pots of flowering Spring bulbs to enhance the display at the entrance to the Manor House, in addition to those bulbs I supplied and planted last Autumn.*

*As instructed by CAC, I have been involved in arranging the clearing of another shrub including the removal of diseased and dying trees. We now have plans showing that the ground is clear of live cables therefore a future planting plan can be devised.*

*I attended the recent SOUP event in Dawlish where young people presented their ideas in a bid to gain a share of the monies raised that evening, to take their proposals forward. It can sometimes be daunting for adults to stand up in public, so I was most impressed by the courage of the participants. Especially the young man who wished for exercise equipment to be part of the future proposals for the Lawn. I hope that he will be able to come to future meetings of the Lawn Working Party in his school holidays.*

*I also attended the Mayor's Civic Evening at the Langstone Cliff Hotel which was an excellent event in aid of good charitable causes.*

*Finally, as Chair of the Civic Amenities Committee, I am delighted to be able to confirm that as of yesterday, we have at last agreed a contract to completely renovate the Littleweek Play Park. This project has been drawn out in various ways outside of our control, but the CAC has always been pushing to bring it to a conclusion, with considerable help and guidance from our Town Clerk. We took notice of the wishes of the users and have kept them informed of progress and I know that they will be pleased to learn that at long last the new play park will be taking shape in the near future.*

*I am personally very pleased to see this project finally 'shovel ready'.*

#### Councillor Bloomfield

Councillor Bloomfield expressed her thanks to all current and previous Councillors she had served along side over the years. She had been grateful to have been Mayor of Dawlish which she stated had been an honour, and thanked all Town Council staff for their help, advice and assistance over the years. She wished all those standing for re-election good luck.

#### Councillor Foden

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Commonwealth Day flag-raising:*

*I was honoured to be asked to attend the Commonwealth Day flag-raising on The Lawn, to celebrate the Commonwealth event and to recognise the connected communities across the world.*

*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March Dawlish Community Transport – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration: this was a fantastic day for a fantastic local community organisation to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dawlish Community Transport.*

*Dawlish in Bloom – this year's floral display competition is now launched, and this year has the support of the Dawlish Garden Society.*

#### Councillor Almond

*Councillor Almond reminded Members of the need for the Town Council to continue to play an active role in the Coastal Engagement Group which was administered by the NHS and involved local surgeries and hospitals.*

#### Councillor Taylor

*26<sup>th</sup> March:*

*Attended site inspection Ref 19/00237/NPA Marine Parade Dawlish. New taller Sea Wall and wider promenade.*

*Assisted TDC Planning Committee members (including invited Dawlish members: R. Prowse, L. Mayne and T. Hockin) in helping answer questions about the site that could not be answered by the planning officer.*

*30<sup>th</sup> March:*

*Assembled a scale mock-up of the cross-section of the new sea wall proposals on Kings Walk so as to better inform the public of the plans brought forward by Network Rail and Teignbridge.*

#### Councillor Lowther

*Councillor Lowther wished to place on record his thanks on behalf of the Events Committee and the wider Council the appreciation of the service of Alison Holmes, Projects Officer at Dawlish Town Council who would be leaving the Council's employment after 11 years to start her own business. The Council had to be thankful to Alison for arranging quality events for the town, its residents and visitors alike and she would be sorely missed.*

### **197 STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk advised that the National Association of Local Councils had made amendments to the model Standing Orders, in particular to those relating to Financial Controls and Procurement, in addition to the Clerk making amendments to typographical errors. These were now before Members for approval.

**Resolved** that the Council's Standing Orders be amended to reflect the changes made by the National Association of Local Councils.

### **198 MEMBER / OFFICER PROTOCOL**

Members considered a draft Member / Officer Protocol which attempted to outline the respective roles, responsibilities and expectations of both staff and councillors and how each group interacted with one another.

In discussing the Protocol, Members commented that such a document would have been beneficial previously. The Clerk advised that were the Protocol to be approved, it would form part of the welcome pack for new and returning Councillors.

**Resolved** that the Member / Officer Protocol be approved as set out.

*The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.*

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Cllr Lisa Mayne  
MAYOR OF DAWLISH