



# **DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL**

## Minutes of a Meeting of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on Thursday, 24 April 2019 at 7.00pm

### **Present:**

Councillors Clemens (Chairman) Lowther (Vice Chairman), Goodman-Bradbury, Nickless and Wrigley.

### **Officer in attendance**

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

### **Members of the public**

There were no members of the public present.

*The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and may be subject to change until that time.*

### **142 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **143 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II**

**RESOLVED** unanimous agreement of the Agenda between Parts I and II.

### **144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **145 DISPENSATIONS**

There were none

### **146 MINUTES**

Members present and voting received the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 March 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2019 be signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**147 TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

No grant applications were considered due to the Council being in the pre-election period known as 'Purdah'.

**148 COMMUNITIES TOGETHER FUND**

The Clerk advised Members that the Communities Together Fund had been permanently closed by Devon County Council and replaced with three new funds as follows:

- Making the Connection Fund - £300,000 – encourages bids for small amounts of funding that will make a big difference. Up to £300 per bid will help establish or support local community groups that help people connect with others;
- Doing What Matters Fund - £329,000 – will provide up to £20,000 for individual projects that have significant impact on the wellbeing of local people and communities; and
- Crowdfund Devon – providing new funding opportunities through Crowdfund Devon.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

**149 HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT TRAFFIC ORDERS**

Members considered the following site which had been put forward by the County Councillor for Dawlish for consideration. The Town Council had been invited to submit comments prior to the site going out for formal consultation on the proposals.

Dawlish Warren:

- Warren Road - to provide additional unrestricted parking.

Following discussion, it was

**Resolved** that Dawlish Town Council objects on the basis that the proposal adds to an already dangerous road and requests that the County Council responds with its reasoning for inclusion.

**150 DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL SERVER**

Members considered the indicative quotes received from the Council's IT support company as to the replacement of the Council's server which was now 6 years old and due to be unsupported by Microsoft from mid-2019.

Following discussion, it was

**Resolved** that the item be deferred to allow for the inclusion of a fully cloud based server quotation.

**151 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT, DIRECT DEBIT AND INCOME (MARCH 2019)**

Members present received and considered the report of invoices paid, direct debits and income received since the last report to the Committee.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**152 BANK RECONCILIATION (31 MARCH 2019)**

Members present received and considered the bank reconciliations as at 31 March 2019.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the report be approved.

**153 FINANCIAL REPORT (MARCH 2019)**

Members present received and considered the up to date budget comparison

**Resolved** that the report be approved.

**154 ITEMS FROM CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Members considered the quote received from the Council's grass verge contractor for the watering and maintaining (including the feeding) of the Council's decorative planting scheme for 2019/20. Whilst Members were generally accepting of the quotation, it was suggested that the Council explore the costs of obtaining a bowser that would enable to either bring the service in house or allow the 'buying-in' of expertise using Council owned equipment in future years.

**Resolved** that

- (a) the quotation received from South West Grounds Maintenance be accepted;
- and

- (b) the Town Clerk explore options for delivering the service in-house for future years and report back to the October Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

**155 ITEMS FROM EVENTS COMMITTEE**

There were none.

**156 ITEMS FROM THE MANOR HOUSE AND RIVERSIDE SUB COMMITTEE**

There were none.

**157 PRESS RELEASE**

There were none.

**Part II Exclusion of the Public and Press – The Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960** Pursuant to Section 1(2) of The Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business:

**158 SALARY AND EXPENSES (MARCH 2019)**  
(Confidential by virtue of relating to members of staff)

**RESOLVED** Salaries and Expenses for March 2019 were noted.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.00 p.m.

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Councillor Humphrey Clemens, Chairman