

**Dawlish Town Council**  
Minutes of a Meeting of the  
**Town Council**  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 5 June 2019 at 7 p.m.

**Present:**

Councillors Foden (Mayor), Mawhood (Deputy Mayor), Dawson, Heath, James, M. Lowther, J. Petherick, L. Petherick, Prowse, Tamlyn, Taylor, Woods and Wrigley

**In attendance:**

Tracey Higgs (Town Clerk of Teignmouth Town Council).

**Public Participation**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members received two presentations from those organisations having grant applications considered. Another Member of the public offered praise to the new Town Council for the attitude of working together for the benefit of the towns people and not behaving as those in central government.

*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.*

**21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, T. Lowther and Mayne.

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

There was no Part II.

**23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors L. Petherick and Wrigley declared appendix b interests in agenda item 20 by virtue of being the District Council's appointed representatives to the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

**24 DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensations.

**25 DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE**

No report had been received.

*At this juncture, Members agreed to move agenda items 20 and 21 to the front of the agenda so as not to keep attendees waiting.*

## **26 LARGE GRANT APPLICATION**

Members received a presentation from a representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau as to the service it offers and how those services benefited the Parish of Dawlish.

**Resolved** that grant funding of £7,500 be approved.

## **27 LARGE GRANT APPLICATION**

Members received a presentation from a representative of the Friends of Dawlish Station as to the aims of the project in creating an interactive heritage room in one of the waiting rooms at the station.

**Resolved** that grant funding of £2,000 be approved.

## **28 MINUTES**

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 May 2019 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

## **29 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 – 25 April 2019;
- Civic Amenities Committee – 17 April 2019;
- Planning Committee – 9 May 2019

## **30 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Locum Clerk advised that a letter had been received from a young Dawlish resident expressing an interest in seeing more and improved play equipment and a playground suitable for young people.

## **31 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUCEMENTS**

*In the first 3 weeks that I have been Mayor of Dawlish I have done so much on memorable occasions.*

*I opened the Dawlish Arts Festival at their festival luncheon and was also invited to attend festival choral song at St Gregory's Church. The Dawlish Arts Festival has run a busy programme of concerts during the past week, and my thanks go to the volunteers who spend time planning and putting the Festival together.*

*The street-market was very well-attended by a large variety of stalls, and many visitors throughout the day. Then the vintage cyclist's day was memorable, and I enjoyed seeing the vintage bicycles and judging the best-vintage-dressed cyclist. The excellent music, and the summer weather added to the atmosphere on the Lawn. Then crowning the carnival queen and her royal attendants was exciting, and very well done to them, and the Dawlish Celebrates Carnival volunteers for their 'Sea-side' float.*

*I was honoured and delighted to be invited by the Dawlish Twinning Association to welcome the group from our twin town of Carhaix in Brittany to Dawlish, in this the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of our twinning, and I think it is important that we recognise and celebrate our communities and similarities.*

## **32 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

### Councillor Clatworthy

Councillor Clatworthy gave apologies for his absence at the meeting and circulated his report via email:

- 1. Following my comments in the last report I have been in regular contact with SWW who have now commenced work at Shutterton with the delay down to completion of the legal agreement, the works is expected to last for 7 months with Secmaton Lane closed between 11<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August; I am told the lights will be removed at the week-ends and when not required and Secmaton Lane will be plated in the evenings and week-ends and SWW will be working with residents to ensure the minimum disruption.*
- 2. SWW have replaced 30 metres of the rising main along the A379 close to Cofton Cross and DCC have put in kerbing and carried out some resurfacing to prevent surface water entering a property.*
- 3. Regarding the dual use of the cycle-path at Dawlish Warren DCC have not received any complaints and the consensus is that it is working, and this is view of the Dawlish Tourism Group but having said that monitoring is to continue and Stage 4 Audit to be undertaken.*
- 4. My ninth Revenue Budget has been delivered with a £63k underspend after carry forwards, contribution to balances, reserves and provisions.*

5. *The Task Group on 20mph is reporting to the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Scrutiny Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June and it is well known that 20mph limit in residential areas works to slow traffic with engineering works and the main point is to get a Policy for this and then it can be rolled out across the county and I noticed recently that the First Minister for Wales supports 20mph zones in residential areas .*
6. *Replacement traffic lights at Jubilee Bridge will be installed in the autumn with LED's as the existing ones are 15 years old.*
7. *I have asked for the following areas for work to be done on the local highway network in conjunction with our local highway officer and they are currently being assessed; Church Street, East Cliff Gardens, School Hill, Wallace Avenue, East Cliff Road, Kingsdown Crescent, Second and Third Avenue, Mount Pleasant road and Cofton Lane. Works have been carried out at Queen Street and Alexandre Road and we are still waiting for part of Stockton Hill to be resurfaced but the contractors want a structural survey undertaken on the high banks. The pavers in the pavement opposite The Shaftesbury which require attention will be dealt with this month I am told.*
8. *Following on from my last report Bus service 2B to Exeter via Marsh Barton started on 26<sup>th</sup> May and the 5-40am Route 2 service also started to 26<sup>th</sup> May and timetables are now available.*
9. *This year I have approved eight Grants from the locality budget available to members.*
10. *Finally, I read with interest the profiles of the candidates for the recent Town Council election and was surprised to read that one councillor had led the campaign keeping street lights lit in a couple of Dawlish roads so for the record I was first on the case and saw it through to a satisfactory conclusion . I formally supported the appeal to the Ombudsman and when DCC made the decision to switch them off arranged for the lights to be reconnected immediately when they were disconnected prematurely. I subsequently ascertained during the period when the residents were given time to decide whether to take them over that there was no Policy in Devon for street lights in unadopted roads and canvassed for such a policy and one is now in place to retain existing lights in unadopted roads under certain circumstances and have been successful for them to be retained in Sea Lawn and Rivera Terraces to benefit residents.*

### **33 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

#### Councillor Russell

*Councillor Russell advised that the Dawlish Town Council Ward of Teignmouth Road fell within the Teignmouth East District Ward, for which she and Councillor Robert Phipps were Members. Both Councillors would attend Town Council meetings where District matters affected the Town Council Ward.*

#### Councillor L. Petherick

#### **BUS STOP NEAR CARHAIX WAY**

*I was asked to look at the possibility for an extra bus stop on Exeter Road near Carhaix Way. I was told by Cllr Clatworthy that he had a similar enquiry back in 2015, it would have been good to have a stop in this area, but as the road conditions*

*and lack of suitable footway on both sides of the road did not permit DCC could not go ahead. Unless there were any new developments since then, such as a shared cycle path, or a new housing development DCC would not be able to do anything in this location. When I reported this back, I was told they did not want to pursue it, as they had looked at where it would be, and it would overlook peoples house and gardens which he didn't think would be fair.*

#### **CHARITY DAYS ON THE LAWN**

*Cllr Mawhood asked about the cost of charity stalls on the lawn I found out the following information for future reference:*

*The £75 is a one-off payment which covers 10 charity days per year, 5 in Dawlish and 5 in Teignmouth. The Charity can attend all 10 days.*

*They do have to provide their own public liability insurance, but I think that also would cover the 10 dates.*

*There is a risk assessment form that must be filled in which is available in the website.*

*The contact name and telephone number for the person who deals with this is Lorraine Bullock 01626 215861. She is very happy to speak to anyone who needs any more information.*

#### **AIR CADETS AWARD CEREMONY**

*I attended the Air Cadets Award Ceremony which was a fantastic event. The events they do for the young cadets are amazing. We were shown the new Minibus and they presented a gift to all those who contributed to the cost of the Minibus. We saw all the kit they used for the 10 Tors which was incredible. They had some presentations to show us what goes on throughout the year. An organisation for young people to build their confidence, strength and self-esteem and we should all be very proud we have such an organisation in Dawlish.*

#### **COMMITTEES AT TEIGNBRIDGE**

*I am on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, The Public Safety Protection Order Review Group and The Standards Board.*

#### **Councillor J Petherick**

*Councillor J Petherick thanked former District Councillors Clemens and Prowse for their service to Dawlish on the District Council. Councillor J Petherick is the Chairman of the Regulatory & Appeals Committee and also Vice Chairman of Teignbridge District Council for the 2019/20 municipal year. He was a Member of the Planning and Overview & Scrutiny Committees.*

### Councillor Taylor

*Councillor Taylor was the Portfolio Holder for Planning at Teignbridge. He had been pleased to advise that following Teignbridge's Climate Emergency Declaration he would be asking for all planning applications coming forward to have a greater level of insulation. £4.9M funding for the Dawlish Link Road had also been agreed and he thanked officers and members that had been involved in securing the monies.*

### Councillor Wrigley

*Councillor Wrigley was the Portfolio Holder for Communities and IT at Teignbridge. The link road monies although delayed were welcomed and was also pleased to see the communication taking place with users at Boat Cove whilst the area is redeveloped.*

## **34 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

### Councillor Prowse

*Councillor Prowse thanked Members for their words in relation to her past service on Teignbridge District Council. She had been elected Chairman of the Town Council's Staffing Committee and advised that the Town Clerk was now on two weeks paternity leave following the birth of his son on 4 June and offered her congratulations. She thanked the Town Clerk of Teignmouth Town Council for Clerking the meeting in his absence.*

*She advised that Dawlish Town Council had signed up to the Employees Assistance Programme through Workplace Options which offered free, confidential support to staff on matters relating to work, family and personal circumstances.*

### Councillor M Lowther

*Councillor M Lowther and Prowse received a bouquet of flowers in respect of the Arts Festival to thank the Council for its support.*

### Councillor Mawhood

*Councillor Mawhood had attended the ROC breakfast meeting together with several Town Councillors which was exploring options to reduce drug abuse in the town. She congratulated the Events Committee on the delivery of the Vintage Cycle Day which had attracted large numbers of people to the town.*

## 35 NOTICES OF MOTION

Prior to consideration of agenda items 12 A and B, Members **resolved** to approve the amalgamation of both motions with the insertion of number 6 '*Declare an Environmental and Wildlife Serious Concerns Declaration*'.

### 35A Dawlish Climate Emergency

Members considered the following notice of motion:

*Council Notes:*

1. *Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels.*
2. *In order to reduce the chance of runaway Global Warming and limit the effects of Climate Breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO<sub>2</sub>eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tonnes per person per year to less than 2 tonnes as soon as possible.*
3. *Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc., to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;*
4. *Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;*
5. *Our current plans and actions are not enough. The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5 degrees Celsius limit before 2050.*
6. *The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius, published in October 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2 degrees Celsius rise is likely to cause compared to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5 degree*
6. *The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius, published in October 2018, describes the enormous harm that a 2 degrees Celsius rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5 s Celsius may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities.*
7. *Local Councils around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and committing resources to address this emergency.*

*This Council believes that:*

1. *All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of Climate Breakdown, and local governments that recognize this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. It is important for Teignbridge Council and other Councils to commit to carbon neutrality as quickly as possible;*

2. *Towns, Cities and Local Authorities at all tiers are uniquely placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions; they are well placed to help decarbonize villages and more remote areas as they have closer links with their residents.*
3. *Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as improved personal, social and environmental well-being for people, locally and worldwide.*

*Dawlish Town Council is recommended to:*

1. *Declare a 'climate emergency';*
2. *Pledge to do what is within our powers, to make Dawlish and District carbon neutral by 2025, considering both production and consumption emissions. Work with Teignbridge District Council and other local councils to achieve this goal;*
3. *Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources necessary for Dawlish and District to achieve the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2025, and to implement best practice methods to limit global warming to 1.5C;*
4. *Dawlish Town Council will create an Action plan to address the Climate Emergency in line with the TDC and DCC commitment to reduce carbon emissions / become carbon neutral by 2025. To do this we will create a working group. The working group will report back to full council within three months with a local action plan. Once approved, this plan would then be implemented and fed back into TDC and DCC climate emergency plans; and*
5. *Investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.*
6. *Declare an Environmental and Wildlife Serious Concerns declaration.*

Following discussion, it was

**Resolved** that Dawlish Town Council:

- (a) *Declares a 'climate emergency';*
- (b) *Pledges to do what is within its powers, to make Dawlish and District carbon neutral by 2025, considering both production and consumption emissions. Work with Teignbridge District Council and other local councils to achieve this goal;*

- (c) *will call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources necessary for Dawlish and District to achieve the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2025, and to implement best practice methods to limit global warming to 1.5C;*
- (d) *will create an Action plan to address the Climate Emergency in line with the TDC and DCC commitment to reduce carbon emissions / become carbon neutral by 2025. To do this we will create a working group. The working group will report back to full council within three months with a local action plan. Once approved, this plan would then be implemented and fed back into TDC and DCC climate emergency plans; and*
- (e) *Will investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment; and*
- (f) *Declares an Environmental and Wildlife Serious Concerns declaration.*

Members were in agreement that Councillor Heath should Chair the Working Group.

### **35B BUS IMPROVEMENTS**

Members considered whether Dawlish Town Council should call for

- increased public transport services for Dawlish, especially the Number 2 bus service, to ease traffic congestion and to help maintain and improve air quality,
- to call for the introduction of an express bus on the No. 2 route during commuting times,
- to call for the Number 2 bus service to call at Dawlish Warren once an hour (so that residents and visitors in Dawlish Warren can travel to / from Exeter)
- and to call for increased sustainable travel options for Dawlish residents, commuters, and visitors.

Following discussion, it was

**Resolved** that Dawlish Town Council should call for:

- increased public transport services for Dawlish, especially the Number 2 bus service, to ease traffic congestion and to help maintain and improve air quality;
- the introduction of an express bus on the No. 2 route during commuting times;
- the Number 2 bus service to call at Dawlish Warren once an hour (so that residents and visitors in Dawlish Warren can travel to / from Exeter); and
- increased sustainable travel options for Dawlish residents, commuters, and visitors.

### 35C DAWLISH FAIRTRADE

Members considered a motion that Dawlish Town Council decides how it would work with the Dawlish Fairtrade Friends Committee to maintain the Fairtrade Status of the Town and to create and update the action plan to be decided and submitted to the Fairtrade Foundation.

*At this juncture Standing Orders were suspended to allow a representative of Dawlish Fairtrade to speak to Members, and then resumed.*

Following discussion, it was

**Resolved** that consideration of the Town Council supporting the Fairtrade Committee be deferred to a future meeting of the Council but in the interim a feature be included in the next edition of the Town Crier explaining the role of Fairtrade in Dawlish and inviting those interested to join the Committee.

### 36 MARINE PARADE, DAWLISH

Members received the response from Teignbridge District Council regards the Town Council request that the Planning Authority seeks counsel opinion on the likelihood of success in judicially reviewing the planning application in respect of the Sea Wall at Marine Parade, Dawlish. The response was as follows:

*Dear Andrew*

*Re: Planning Application 19/00237/NPA – Marine Parade, Dawlish*

*Thank you for your letter of 29 May 2019 which you have sent on behalf of the Town Council. I have discussed the matter with the Leader and senior officers.*

*It would not be reasonable for the District Council, as local planning authority or otherwise, to spend public money on a potential judicial review of its own decision, let alone to seek a judicial review of its own decision. Whilst the decision is not one which your authority might agree, the Planning Committee's decision was appropriate in line with the relevant law and procedure. There are not any legitimate grounds which would warrant the quashing by the High Court of the committee's decision.*

*If your council has not obtained legal advice already, it may want to do so. Obviously, this would be at its own expense and certainly not the District Council's as the principal respondent to any subsequent proceedings. Please also note that*

*should your authority issue proceedings, in addition to the legal costs your authority will incur, the District Council will recover from your authority any costs it incurs in defending the action.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Phil Shears  
Managing Director*

Councillor Wrigley advised that efforts had not ceased, and other actions were being progressed.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

**37 FINAL INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

Members received the Internal Auditors Final Report for the financial year 2018/19.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**38 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2018/19 (SECTION 1)**

Members considered the Annual Governance Statement of the 2018/19 Annual Return.

**Resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed.

**39 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2018/19 (SECTION 2)**

Members considered the Accounting Statements for the 2018/19 Annual Return.

**Resolved** that the Accounting Statements be approved and signed.

**40 APPOINTMENT OF LAWN WORKING GROUP**

Members considered the make-up of the Lawn Working Group and invited any interested Members to join.

**Resolved** that Councillors Dawson, M. Lowther, L. Petherick, Woods and Wrigley be appointed as Members of the Lawn Working Group.

**41 APPOINTMENT OF CCTV WORKING GROUP**

Members considered the make-up of the CCTV Working Group and invited any interested Members to join.

**Resolved** that Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, James, T. Lowther and Tamlyn be appointed to the CCTV Working Group.

*At this juncture Standing Orders required the meeting to conclude, therefore Agenda Item 19 – Snow Wardens be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council.*

*The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9.35 p.m.*

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Cllr Alison Foden  
MAYOR OF DAWLISH

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