

Dawlish Town Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Town Council
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 7 p.m.

Present:

Councillors Foden (Mayor), Mawhood (Deputy Mayor), Dawson, Goodman-Bradbury, Heath, James, M. Lowther, T. Lowther, Mayne, J. Petherick, L. Petherick, Prowse, Tamlyn, Taylor and Woods.

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

Angie Weatherhead – Events, Projects and Tourism Officer

Councillor Clatworthy – Devon County Councillor

12 members of the public, two of whom wished to address Members in respect of agenda item 16

Public Participation

Two members of the public spoke to the Lawn Working Group report and proposals for the siting of a play park on the Lawn, considering the merits and potential flaws of each location.

A third member of the public, at the Mayor's discretion, addressed Members on the current resilience works taking place on the sea wall at Marine Parade and the adverse impact the works were having on residents.

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.

57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Wrigley.

58 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

There was no Part II.

At this juncture, the Mayor advised she would be moving agenda items 7, 8, 10 and 11 to the end of the agenda. Item 9 would be taken next.

An urgent item submitted by Councillor J. Petherick would be considered at the end of the agenda at the Mayor's discretion.

59 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Clatworthy

The County Councillor reported as follows:

- Streetlights in Dawlish were being converted to LEDs and he had asked to include Sea Lawn Terrace, Riviera Terrace and Stockton Avenue in these upgrade works;
- The agreement between Homes England and TDC in respect of the new link road was still yet to be completed;
- South West Water had advised that works at Shutterton expected to be completed on 29 January 2020 – traffic lights would be needed for a 4-week period from 18 November, and he was awaiting confirmation they would be removed at weekends;
- 80% of users of Dawlish town bus used bus passes against a national average of 36%; and
- Western power would be replacing poles and lines in several roads in Dawlish through the month of October – residents would be contacted 2 weeks prior to works where the supply of power would be affected.

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dawson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 by virtue of hiring Manor House and Riverside Centre facilities. She would not take part in the discussion or vote and would leave the room for the duration of the item being considered.

61 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

62 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3 July 2019 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

63 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:

- Events Committee – 25 June 2019
- Civic Amenities Committee – 19 June 2019
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – 27 June, 25 July 2019
- Planning Committee – 11 July, 1 August 2019

64 COMMITTEE VACANCY

Consideration was given to appointing a member to the Planning Committee following Councillor Woods' decision relinquish his membership.

Resolved that the vacancy remain in abeyance until such time as a Member wishes to come forward and join the Planning Committee.

65 RAIL RESILIENCE STAKEHOLDER LIAISON GROUP

Members considered appointing a Member to represent the Council on the Rail Resilience Stakeholder Liaison Group.

Resolved that Councillor Rosalind Prowse be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Rail Resilience Stakeholder Liaison Group.

66 PRS / PPL LICENSING

Prior to the commencement of this item, Councillor Dawson who had previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, left the room for the duration of debate.

Members considered the agenda report which detailed the legal requirement to have licences in place for any venue where live music is performed, or recorded music is played, in particular the Manor House, Riverside Centre and Council events.

Following a thorough investigation as to the requirements of the facility a revised quote had been received from PRS / PPL totalling £3,627.09 ex-VAT for 2019/20.

Resolved that the quotation be approved for 2019/20.

67 DAWLISH PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)

Members noted that the PSPO for the Lawn had now expired and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary had requested the Town Council's views going forward.

Members fully supported any efforts to reinstate the PSPO for the Lawn.

Resolved that the Town Council responds with its full support for the PSPO covering the Lawn to be reinstated.

68 **LAWN WORKING GROUP**

Members considered the four options as to the way forward of providing a play park on the lawn. The Chairman of the Lawn Working Group, Councillor L. Petherick introduced the item and listed the options for approval as follows:

1. *To take the Play Project (TIC) forward to Outline Planning Permission Stage;*
2. *To explore the idea brought forward in the Observation report from Teignbridge, for a flagship play area and a gruffalo type trail leading up to the play area on the Manor;*
3. *Revisit the smaller scheme in front of the bowling green which met with Teignbridge approval;*
4. *Do nothing.*

During debate, the merits of each of the proposals were discussed.

Councillor Mayne proposed that option 3 be approved. Councillor Prowse seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, and the result was as follows:

For – 5

Against – 9

Abstention – 1

The proposal having been lost; Councillor Taylor proposed that option 1 be approved. Councillor T. Lowther seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, and the result was as follows:

For – 4

Against – 9

Abstentions – 2

The proposal having been lost, Councillor Tamlyn proposed that option 2 be approved. Councillor J. Petherick seconded the proposal. A vote was taken, and the result was as follows:

For – 14
Against – 1

Resolved that the Town Council mandates the Lawn Working Group to explore the idea brought forward in the Observation report from Teignbridge for a flagship play area and a gruffalo type trail leading up to the play area in the Manor Gardens.

69 POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

Members considered a report detailing the current consultation being undertaken by the Returning Officer as to the preferred polling districts and polling place arrangements before making a decision on their location.

The Town Clerk advised it was likely that the electoral arrangements for Dawlish and Teignmouth, in particular Dawlish Teignmouth Road Ward and Teignmouth Rowdens Ward, would be reviewed in 2021 with any recommendations being brought into effect at the next all-out District and Parish elections in 2023.

Resolved that Dawlish Town Council has no comments to make to the consultation.

70 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD REQUESTS

Members considered a report of Councillor Wrigley suggesting that a standing list of road improvements and changes be maintained and communicated with Devon County Council, including initial suggestions for layout and speed limit changes. During discussion, it was suggested that the inclusion of Weech Road be investigated due to the speed and size of vehicle using the road to access onward journeys to Exeter, regularly having to mount pavements which was a danger to pedestrians.

71 BT PHONE BOX

The Council considered whether to make representations to British Telecom in respect of the phone box located at the bottom of Queen Street, following the company's announcement to consult on its removal due to evidence suggesting a lack of use.

Members noted the phone box was situated in a conservation area and considered the traditional red phone box to be iconic in nature. The general mood of the meeting was that it should be retained, either to house a book swap or community defibrillator.

Resolved that the Town Council express to British Telecom its desire to retain the red telephone box for community use.

72 EXTENSION OF MEETING

The time being 9 p.m., in accordance with Standing Orders, Members **resolved** to extend the meeting no later than 9.30 p.m.

73 MEDIA STATEMENTS

Members received a report detailing the Council's use of the media to communicate with residents.

During discussion it was noted that the Council ought to do more in the printed press for those who do not have access to electronic communication. It was

Resolved that the Town Council more regularly utilises the printed media in addition to other communication streams to communicate with residents.

74 EXMOUTH MARINA CONSULTATION

The Council considered a consultation document sent on behalf of Exmouth Marina in relation to a possible variation of their currently suspended Marine License for the disposal of dredged sediments at an existing site adjacent to Sprey Point (between Eastcliff, Teignmouth and Smugglers Lane, Holcombe).

The documents suggested that the Marina was proposing to:

- Reduce the overall dredge and disposal volumes by half (to a total of 40,000km³ over a 10-year period); and
- To change the disposal location from Sprey Point to Former Site PO050 (8km offshore).

In discussing the item, Members were generally accepting of the proposals to dispose further out to sea but wished that such disposal be continually monitored in terms of the impact on the coastline and marine life and, should a negative impact be found, the disposal be stopped. Members also believed Teignmouth Town Council should be asked whether they wished to provide a joint response to the consultation.

Resolved that

- (a) Dawlish Town Council respond to the consultation in favourable terms and that disposal further out to sea be continually monitored for adverse impacts on the coastline and marine wildlife. In the event negative effects were apparent, disposal should stop immediately; and

(b) That Teignmouth Town Council be invited to be a joint party to the response.

75 WELCOME TO DAWLISH SIGNS

Councillor Petherick advised that the two Rotary Clubs of Dawlish were willing to pledge £300 each towards the cost of new gateway signs, to be matched funded by the District Rotary authority with a further £600. Such funding was time constrained. He sought Council approval to continue investigating prices and designs which he would bring back to Council for resolution.

Resolved that Councillor J. Petherick continue to investigate the possibility of siting with Devon County Council, together with the design and associated costs of new gateway signs, with the final decision on size, design and content to be decided at a future meeting of the Council subject to the funding from Rotary being available.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 9.27 p.m.

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Cllr Alison Foden
MAYOR OF DAWLISH