

Dawlish Town Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Town Council
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Monday, 30 September 2019 at 7 p.m.

Present:

Councillors Mawhood (Deputy Mayor), Dawson, Goodman-Bradbury, Heath, M. Lowther, T. Lowther, Tamlyn, Taylor and Wrigley.

Absent:

Councillor Woods

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk
One representative of the press.

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.

76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Foden (Mayor), James, Mayne, J. Petherick, L. Petherick and Prowse.

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

77 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

There was no Part II.

78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

79 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

80 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4 September 2019 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

81 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 – 30 July 2019
- Civic Amenities Committee – 17 July 2019
- Manor House & Riverside Centre Committee – 19 July 2019
- Planning Committee – 22 August 2019

82 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk advised that:

- a Listed Building Consent application had been submitted to the Planning Authority in respect of soundproofing works to the Council Chamber. A response was awaited before being able to proceed with the works;
- he would be attending the Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Conference from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 October; and
- on 23 October he would be attending the Devon Association of Local Council's Annual General Meeting together with the Deputy Mayor.

Resolved that the update be noted.

83 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor read out the Mayor's announcements:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Civic Service last week.

The Community Celebration party on Saturday was a fantastic celebration of community, and thank you to all for their time, hard work and commitment to making Dawlish the special place it is.

I have been making final plans for the Dawlish Dementia 'Adventure' open day which will be held on Saturday 12th October here at the Manor House. This interactive and informative wellbeing fair is open to all, and there will be workshops and demonstrations.

83 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Clatworthy

The County Councillor provided a written report to Members as he was unable to attend the meeting:

- *A DCC Road map was published earlier this month to up-date Town and Parish councils on Highway issues and informed that each Electoral division has a designated Neighbourhood Highway Officer who provides support and information on Highway matters and is the main contact and for Dawlish it is Helen Frankpitt.*
- *I have been informed that if Pavement parking is causing a wilful obstruction or there is danger please phone the Police on 101.*
- *Regarding Pavement parking I understand the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner has submitted evidence to the Transport Select Committee which has recommended that Councils be given power to ban the practice of parking on pavements where it causes a problem.*
- *The month 4 Revenue monitoring report is forecasting a projected overspend which is essentially down to Adult Care with pressure on residential and nursing care on price and volume together with Children Services. There are currently 771 children in care and DCC have been successful in recruiting 50 new Foster Care families.*
- *The Capital programme for this year is £147 million and there is a slippage of £15.5 million forecast.*
- *As to the sale of surplus Assets capital receipts to-date are £650k.*
- *Finally, I am still waiting to hear whether the 3 agreements have been completed to take the Link Road forward.*

In discussing the report, Members requested that regular updates in respect of the highways audit approved at the last meeting be made to the Town Council.

Resolved that the report be noted, and the County Councillor be asked to provide regular updates regards the highways audit.

84 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Wrigley

- *Teignbridge had amended its constitution to allow Town & Parish Councils to call-in applications for decision by the full district Planning Committee if sound planning reasons are provided;*

- *Ward members can now call-in planning applications relating to any adjacent Parish to the boundary of their own to be considered by the district Planning Committee;*

Councillor Taylor

85 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Dawson

- *04/09/19 – Network Rail presentation and Full Council Meeting*
- *05/09/19 – Dawlish Action for Youth monthly meeting*
- *10/09/19 – Service at St. Paul's, Starcross to welcome new Associate Priest to Cofton*
- *11/09/19 – Councillor Training 'How to be a good Councillor'*
- *14/09/19 – Volunteering with HITS foodbank, preparing new premises*
- *16/09/19 – Climate Emergency group meeting*
- *18/09/19 – CAC Meeting*
- *22/09/19 – Mayor's Civic Service at St. Gregory's*
- *25/09/19 – Volunteering at Red Rock with the young people (as part of councillors' roles to engage with hard to reach groups in the community).*
- *Communicating with residents on various issues affecting them, including the impact of seawall work, overnight campervans and general redirecting to TDC and DCC*

Councillor Mawhood

I have attended 7 DTC Council meetings in September, also a DALC Training session and a Planning Café. I also attended the Merchant Navy flag raising ceremony on The Lawn,

I attended the Mayor's Civic Service at St Gregory's and also the Mayor's Community Celebration at the Manor House. I would wish to congratulate the Mayor on these two most enjoyable and successful events.

I deputised for the Mayor at the Chudleigh Town Council Civic Service and also yesterday at the Crashbox Rally held at Lady's Mile, Dawlish. where my old, battered and bruised car found itself unintentionally lined up with all the loved, cherished and impressive entrants!

86 CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Members considered the previously circulated report of the Climate Emergency Working Group. The Chairman of the group introduced the report and submitted that references to 'Manor Grounds' should read 'Manor Gardens'. He commended its contents for adoption.

During discussion, it was

- highlighted that the Council had recently changed its energy suppliers to organisations that source green energy;
- Teignbridge District Council had recently implemented an environmentally friendly procurement policy which should be incorporated into the Town Council's;
- Noted that the adoption of the recommendations would have wide ranging implications for the Council as an organisation both in the short and long term;
- Suggested that a scheme for monitoring delivery of the recommendations be devised by the Town Council office; and
- Recommended that if approved, the Working Group should reconvene to identify which recommendations were short, medium- and long-term goals with which the Town Council staff could deliver at the appropriate time through the relevant Committees.

Resolved that the recommendations as set out in the agenda report be adopted and delivered by Town Council staff at the appropriate time through the relevant Committees.

87 CONCLUSION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

Members received the report of PKF Littlejohn LLP, the Council's external auditor in which the Council received a 'no matters arising' conclusion.

The Town Clerk thanked his staff without whom such a qualification would not have been possible and demonstrated that the Council continued to operate within

budgets and regulations. The first internal audit for 2019/20 was scheduled for November.

Members expressed their thanks to the Town Clerk and staff for the excellent result of the audit.

Resolved that the report be noted.

88 MARINE PARADE

Members considered the issue of campervans parking along Marine Parade overnight leaving their engines running to the detriment of nearby residents when other facilities were available elsewhere in the Parish. There was an issue with users of campervans discarding toiletry waste in the road drains as these emptied directly onto the beach.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved that the Town Council writes to Devon County Council, copied to Teignbridge District Council Environmental Health department enquiring what restrictions could be put in place to prevent overnight parking of campervans.

89 SUICIDE PREVENTION

Members were informed that a recently commissioned report into death by suicide was due to be published and was expected to show an increase of recorded deaths by this type and that such an issue within the Parish of Dawlish was of concern.

It was suggested that several initiatives were available to individuals and the Town Council could assist by working closer with authorities and providing representatives to local health services.

The recent pilot of a 'chatty bench', a bench identified as being one where people could go and talk with others had been useful and as such had been identified by Teignbridge as a potential project to roll-out across the District.

If Members found themselves in a situation whereby an individual was talking of ending their lives, this should be treated the same as a threat to life and emergency services should be called on 999.

Resolved that

- (a) That the Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager at Teignbridge District Council be invited to give a presentation to the Council regards the issue of

suicide;

- (b) A working group be formed with terms of reference being presented to the next meeting of full council for approval; and
- (c) That the Council work with Teignbridge District Council to identify a suitable bench within the town to be made into a permanent 'Chatty Bench'.

90 EMERGENCY PLAN TASK & FINISH GROUP

Members considered the need to appoint a Task & Finish Group to review and update the Council's Emergency Plan document.

Resolved that Councillors Goodman-Bradbury and Taylor be appointed to the Task & Finish Group and that the third vacancy be advertised to all Members of the Council.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8.42 p.m.

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Cllr Val Mawhood
DEPUTY MAYOR OF DAWLISH