

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 20th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Dawson (Vice Chairman), Foden (ex-officio), James, Woods and Wrigley.

Officers in attendance

Angie Weatherhead - Events, Projects and Tourism Officer.

Public Participation

There was one member of the public in attendance.

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Civic Amenities Committee and may be subject to change until that time.

59 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Foden, James, Prowse, and Wrigley.

RESOLVED that the apologies be noted.

60 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

62 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2019 be signed as correct and accurate recording of the meeting.

63 OFFICER'S REPORT

The officer reported that with minor adjustments the works on Little Week Play Park were complete and the new picnic bench was in place. The official re-opening would be on Saturday 21st December at 10.30am. The site for the bench at Sandy Lane had been agreed with Teignbridge District Council and a path would be cut through the grass to it in the relevant season. At a recent Town Council meeting funding had been agreed for the 'Swan Cam' project with Dawlish Beach Cams. Discussions were

ongoing with Devon County Council regarding the waterfowl hazard signage for motorists around Tuck's Plot. Work was continuing on: progressing the swan interpretation board; quotations for replacement railings adjacent to the waterfowl compound and replacement benches for the Strand; and the purchase of the new community noticeboards. Work on the shrub border along the Old Town Street side of the Manor House gardens was progressing.

RESOLVED that the report was approved and thanks were given to the officer for their work.

The Chairman proposed moving agenda item 6 Budget 2020/2021 to the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED that item 6 be moved to the last agenda item.

64 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

A report from the waterfowl wardens was read to the meeting. The swan's eggs from Tuck's Plot were all infertile and had been removed. The swan with the bad leg had been taken to the vet and needed rest. Two Fulvous ducks which had recently hatched were blond and not the same colour as their parents. The pampas grass needed to cut back opposite the Old Mill Tea Rooms and along paths by the boating lake opposite the Tourist Information Centre as it was impeding access. The officer reported that a Christmas cygnet sponsorship option would be available in December.

RESOLVED that the officer would follow up cutting back the pampas grass with Teignbridge District Council.

65 LITTLE WEEK PLAY PARK

RESOLVED that Teignbridge District Council be approached to replace an existing on-site bin with a dual-purpose recycling bin and that the Town Council would meet the cost of purchasing the bin, whilst the emptying of the bin would remain with the District Council.

66 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

A report had been received from the BrownsBrook Allotment Association. Plot 11 had been identified as not receiving much attention.

RESOLVED that the update be accepted and the officer to follow up on the situation on Plot 11.

67 BUDGET 2020/2021

RESOLVED that the following priorities (listed in order) be forwarded to the budget subcommittee:

1. Floral displays and watering. Quotes would need to be obtained in the spring.
2. Festive lighting – renewing the existing contract, works on the tree adjacent to the waterfowl compound, lights around the Tucks plot area and the possibility of up lighting the trees on the Lawn. An update needed to be obtained from Devon County Council on the possibility of new lamp posts around the Tucks Plot area onto which festive lighting could be affixed.
3. Replacement fencing for the area adjacent to the waterfowl compound up to £12,000.
4. Replacement benches along the Strand, if the benches were Dawlish Town Council's responsibility.
5. To allow £8,000 for replacing the ramp with a concrete ramp and steps at the skate park which had been highlighted by users in a previous consultation. A future meeting of CAC should consider options for remodelling of the park.
6. To allow up to £1000 for adding three fingers to existing finger posts: two for Community Transport and one for the Manor House Play Park.
7. Completion of the shrubs and flower borders around the Manor House.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.27pm

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN