

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 15th January 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Dawson (Vice Chairman), James, M. Lowther, Mayne, Prowse, Taylor, Woods and Wrigley.

Officers in attendance

Angie Weatherhead - Events, Projects and Tourism Officer.

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

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.

68 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Foden.

RESOLVED that the apologies be noted.

69 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

71 MINUTES

IT WAS RESOLVED BY MAJORITY that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2019 be signed as correct and accurate recording of the meeting.

72 OFFICER'S REPORT

The officer reported that official re-opening of Little Week Play Park had taken place on Saturday 21st December at 10.30am. Discussions were underway with Teignbridge District Council about a replacement bin outside the fence of the playpark. A meeting had been held with the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) officer and the Council would be receiving a grant of £600 for the current year and £310 in 2020/21. The P3 officer had expressed thanks to the Outside Services staff for their work on the paths. Work was ongoing on the community information noticeboards locations, the swan interpretation board and ascertaining where

responsibility lay for the repair and maintenance of the benches on the Strand. The officer would check whether planning permission was required for the community noticeboards locations. The outside services staff were repairing the two green noticeboards on the Lawn and quotes were being obtained for new boards within them.

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

73 CATENARY LIGHTING

The officer reported urgent repairs had been undertaken over the Christmas period as light strings had separated from the wiring and were a hazard in the high winds. Quotes would be obtained for the sections requiring further work.

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

74 TREE PLANTING

RESOLVED that the following recommendations be made to Town Council that:

i) a request be made to Teignbridge District Council regarding the involvement of young people in their tree planting programme;

(ii) a request be made to Devon County Council regarding the loss of roadside trees (particularly along the A379 Exeter road).

75 TREE CHARTER

RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to Town Council that:

The Town Council support the Tree Charter and urge Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council to also support the Tree Charter, use it and incorporate it into their planning policies, and additionally for hedgerows to support wildlife and biodiversity.

76 RURAL SKIP HIRE

RESOLVED that an additional rural skip service should be provided in the car park at Coronation Avenue in 2019/2020 and 2020/1.

77 CIVIC AWARD 2020

RESOLVED that the same process as in 2019 be followed in 2020 with the award being presented at the Annual General Meeting of Town Council.

78 GREEN AUDIT

RESOLVED that Councillors should let the Chairman know within 24 hours of their preferred dates for the green audit with the Open Spaces Officer and any issues they

wanted the Chairman to raise. The confirmed date to be circulated to all councillors.

79 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

The black swans at Tucks Plot were currently sitting on 7 eggs. The waterfowl wardens would be checking in the next week to see if they were infertile and if so the eggs would be removed. The other pair of black swans were displaying mating behaviour. Ducks were laying in the aviary. The wardens would be purchasing a call duck and a shelduck. The cygnets were well.

RESOLVED that the Waterfowl Wardens were thanked for their update.

80 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

No update was available.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.27pm

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN