

**Dawlish Town Council**

Minutes of a Meeting of the  
**Town Council**  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 7 p.m.

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

A representative of the press and 1 member of the public.

**Public Participation:**

The member of the public did not wish to speak.

*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.*

Part I

**152 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Goodman-Bradbury, Mawhood and Woods.

**Resolved** that the apologies be noted.

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

There was no Part II

**154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**155 DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensations.

**156 MINUTES**

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29 January 2020 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

**157 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 – 26 November 2019
- Planning Committee – 19 December 2019

**158 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk advised that the Council's main bank account had been switched automatically to a successor account. As a result, Lloyd's had refunded any charges made, including interest that would have been incurred on the funds had they not been taken. A total of £2,690.69 would be refunded in the next few days.

**159 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*In addition to attending Council and Committee meetings, I've noticed Dawlish is starting to show signs of Spring, including the daffodils flowering along the Exeter Road verge.*

*30<sup>th</sup> January – I was invited to give a presentation at the Dawlish Garden Society's AGM, on the subject of Dawlish in Bloom, and the success of it since I re-invigorated the floral display competition 3 years ago.*

*I'm pleased to say that Dawlish in Bloom 2020 will be happening, and delighted that the Dawlish Garden Society have agreed to jointly organise this with me.*

*31<sup>st</sup> January – I was invited to attend Dawlish Hospital, where the Friends of Dawlish Hospital presented the Omi equipment they had purchased for the Hospital, as requested. The Omi interactive display equipment is an exciting self-contained motion-activated package, helping patients neurological and emotional health and well-being. This had been one of the demonstrations at the Dementia Adventure awareness day I arranged last November. It was brilliant to see it being enjoyed in use.*

*I have been in correspondence with the Coastal Officer at Teignbridge District Council regarding the old lifeboat-house on the sea wall, below Coastguard's Cottages. A resident had contacted me after noticing Network Rail staff removing roof tiles from this historic building on the sea-ward side, as well as the remaining tiles on the trackside. I'll continue to make enquiries.*

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*I attended the Dawlish Fairtrade Friends meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Fairtrade Fortnight begins on the 24<sup>th</sup> February and includes a concert with the High C's performing at the Strand Centre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.*

*On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6 pm in the Manor House, Norman McNamara from the Purple Angel Dementia Awareness Campaign, will be attending to present the certificates to both Dawlish Town Council, and to Dawlish Chamber of Trade, for being dementia aware, and a dementia-friendly town.*

*You are welcome to attend.*

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

### 160 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Clatworthy had tendered his apologies for the meeting and no report had been provided.

### 161 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Wrigley

Councillor Wrigley advised that:

- *He had attended a meeting of the Exe Estuary Management Partnership Forum where discussion had taken place regarding the concern of the amount of sand moving from Dawlish Warren and potentially arriving in the river Exe. The Environment Agency had showed a map of where they believed it could be, but only showed areas where the sand had increased by more than 250mm. There was concern the extra sand could be damaging the mussel industry and is something that would be monitored on an ongoing basis, but it might be that this Council should lobby the appropriate agency if it became necessary to do so.*

**Resolved** that the District Councillors' reports be noted.

### 162 TOWN COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mawhood

*I have attended and taken part in 6 meetings, these being Full Council, Finance and General Purposes, Planning, Events, Manor House and Riverside and Civic Amenities.*

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*Also 4 sub-committee meetings and a meeting of the Mental Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention Working Group.*

*All such meetings are interesting and result in various actions being taken on behalf of the community.*

*In addition, having previously been present at a meeting at Forde House, Newton Abbot, concerning the old vicarage at Weech Road Dawlish, I have recently attended a meeting brought about by concerned residents. The result of this meeting has led to an Agenda item for the Full Council this evening.*

*I have also been working towards the renovation and re-planting of the grounds around the Manor House itself which is expected to be completed by the end of March.*

*In addition, I have been out looking around our green spaces and lanes prior to an imminent meeting with the TDC open spaces officer. CAC arranges such meetings approximately at 6-month intervals.*

*On a lighter note I have recently replanted the large concrete planters situated by the Bandstand which appeared to have been vandalised. I trust that this will not be repeated.*

### Councillor Tamlyn

Councillor Tamlyn advised that:

- *The Old Vicarage, 13 Weech Road – positive residents action group meeting of 40+ residents last Thursday to discuss what should happen next, after the Inspector had dismissed the latest planning application appeal. She thanked the TDC councillors for attending and stated that the next meeting would be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 11 March at the Manor House.*
- *The Mental Wellbeing & Suicide Prevention Working Group minutes had been circulated to all members and should keep people up to date.*

**Resolved** that the Town Councillors' reports be noted.

## 163 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Members considered the previously circulated report containing a list of possible items of support from the Holcombe Residents Association, including:

- New floor for the village hall;
- Provision of allotments;

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- Sports facilities; and
- Contributing to the provision of a Community Fibre Partnership.

Currently no specific cost details were available.

Councillors were reminded that the current level of CIL funds in the Council's budget were for the parish of Dawlish as a whole.

Members indicated support in principle to the proposals however in the absence of specific costs, Members proposed that the item be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for further investigation, prior to being reconsidered by the Full Town Council for approval.

**Resolved** that the request be referred to the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee for further investigation, prior to being reconsidered by the Full Town Council for approval. This to be communicated with the Holcombe Residents Association.

### 164 STAGECOACH BUS TIMETABLE CONSULTATION

Members considered Stagecoach's bus timetable consultation document, which specifically related to Dawlish as follows:

#### Torbay

*Route 22 – Review of timetable to improve reliability;*

#### Exeter

*Route 2 – Exeter to Newton Abbot – review of timetable to improve reliability. Potential of late journeys on a Saturday night. Potential improvement of Sunday frequency to half hourly over Summer months.*

*Route 222 – Dawlish Warren to Teignmouth – reintroduced for the Summer season from week commencing 5 April until 19 September.*

In discussing the item, Members noted that:

- a higher frequency of buses was required together with more thought put into facilities offered to encourage the public to use public transport more.
- the last coming back / going from Dawlish Warren was too early in the evening;
- The Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital was also a key destination for people in Dawlish;

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- There was a want of having express buses so that not every no. 2 stopped at every village; and
- Members sought greater detail and clarity of what Stagecoach was proposing – the document did not appear to be specific as to what was planned.

**Resolved** that the Town Council respond to the consultation with the aforementioned points included.

### 165 ROAD AUDIT

The Town Clerk advised that no update had been received from Devon County Council.

It was suggested that the County Councillor be asked to make enquiries and report back to the monthly Town Council meetings as appropriate.

In addition to the previously submitted road audit, Members felt the inclusion of marking double white lines on the brow of the hill on the A379 should be included as this was a known blind spot.

**Resolved** that

- (a) The County Councillor be asked to feed back to the monthly Town Council meetings any progress regards the road audit;
- (b) The Highways Authority be asked to assess the junction from the Smugglers Inn for safety concerns; and
- (c) That the painting of double white lines on the brow of the hill of the A379 near to the Smugglers Inn be included in the audit.

### 166 THE OLD VICARAGE, WEECH ROAD

Members received an update following the residents' action group meeting in relation to the derelict building at Weech Road, Dawlish.

District Councillors who attended stated that two actions to come out of the meeting were as follows:

- Speak to TDC Planning and the officer who had refused the application and the Conservation officer to get a greater understanding as to what could be done to move things forward;

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- Residents concerned about public safety as it had been noted that whilst there was heras fencing surrounding the site, some of the masonry was loose which could come down in a high wind.

Building Control had been and inspected the site today, the outcome of which was not yet known. They had also inspected the site on the 19 August 2019 and then considered the fencing sufficient to prevent public from entering and the building was in a satisfactory condition.

It was clear from the resident's meeting that enough was enough and sensible plans now needed to be brought forward to enable the site to be tidied up, vermin concerns be addressed and made safe to all those living nearby.

**Resolved** that the Town Council write to the Planning Authority expressing its shame that more had not been done sooner to reduce the amount of damage the building was currently in which would have thus reduced associated costs of making the site good now. That said, the Town Council explicitly asks Teignbridge District Council to do all that it can to expediently bring this derelict site to an appropriate conclusion for all concerned.

*The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 8.06 p.m.*

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Cllr Alison Foden  
MAYOR OF DAWLISH