

**Dawlish Town Council**

Minutes of a Meeting of the  
**Town Council**  
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on  
Wednesday, 29 January 2020 at 7 p.m.

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councillor Tamlyn.

**In attendance:**

Andrew McKenzie – Town Clerk

Yola Mitchell – Finance Officer

A representative of the press and 1 members 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

**144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors James and Wrigley.

**Resolved** that the apologies be noted.

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

There was no Part II

**146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**147 DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensations.

**148 MINUTES**

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 8 January 2020 be approved as a correct and accurate record.

**149 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**150 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Members considered a notice of motion submitted by Councillor Foden as follows:

*"A notice of motion to Dawlish Town Council that we ask Network Rail and Teignbridge District Council to urgently consider revising the seawall/railway line defence plans in Dawlish.*

*The first phase of Network Rail's construction project of a bigger sea wall to protect the railway line is well underway and is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2020.*

*We acknowledge and are grateful for the hard work and investment from Network Rail and their engineer contractors to protect the railway line through Devon and Cornwall and the stations open and running including Dawlish, Dawlish Warren and Teignmouth.*

*We are also aware and thankful for this investment and hard work as by protecting our railway line, the sea wall also protects the town of Dawlish.*

*The storms, high tides and high winds this month have exposed and broke the drainage construction work that Network Rail built as part of the repair works since the 2014 storm.*

*Also broken are the remains of the groynes along the beach at Dawlish between the Langstone Rock and the viaduct. There are no groynes between the viaduct and Boat Cove.*

*Propose that we as Dawlish Town Council request that Network Rail and Teignbridge District Council work together urgently to review their sea wall development plans, and to revise where needed, and to consider the repair and construction of new groynes and extending the breakwater at Boat Cove."*

Discussion ensued and it was

**Resolved** that the notice of motion stand in abeyance to a future meeting of the Full Council.

**151 TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/21**

Members considered the previously circulated report of the Town Clerk following the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to set a budget and precept for the 2020/21 financial year.

In presenting the report, Councillor T. Lowther thanked the Town Clerk and Finance Officer for their work in helping to put together the proposed budget, and thanked Members of the Budget Sub-Committee.

He stated that in addition to the budget before Members, an amendment was proposed to create an ear marked reserve of £20,000 for the Lawn Working Group and provision of play related equipment.

**Resolved** that

- (a) The level of precept for the 2020/21 financial year be set at £479,079 and transmitted to Teignbridge District Council for collection; and
- (b) The proposed Town Council budget of £552,709 be adopted for the 2020/21 financial year.

*The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.53 p.m.*

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Cllr Alison Foden  
MAYOR OF DAWLISH