



DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on Thursday, 27 February 2020 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors Wrigley (Chairman), J Petherick (Vice Chairman), Foden (ex officio), Goodman-Bradbury, James, Mawhood (ex officio) L Petherick and Tamlyn.

Officers in attendance

Yola Mitchell – Finance Officer

Members of the public

There were five members of the public present and one member of the press.

Public Participation

Three members of the public spoke in support of their following grant applications during suspension of standing orders:

- Dawlish Scout Group
- Brown's Brook Allotment Association
- Dawlish Dancers

Items requiring urgent attention

There was one late item added to the agenda by the Town Clerk as item 11, moving old item 11 'Press Releases' to item 12:

- 11 Consultation – Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth Rail Resilience Project 2020** – to consider whether to submit a formal response to the rail resilience project consultation that ends on 1 March, on behalf of Dawlish Town Council.

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and may be subject to change until that time.

115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Lowther and T Lowther.

116 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

There was no part II.

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was one declaration of interest from Councillor Goodman-Bradbury regarding the Brown's Brook Allotment grant application. She did not take part in the vote.

118 DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

119 MINUTES

Members present and voting received the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 23 January 2020.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2020 be signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

120 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following Grant Applications were considered by members:

- a) Dawlish Scout Group – Smaller Grant request for £250 towards the updating for their scout hut.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the grant of £250.

- b) Gatehouse School PTA – Smaller Grant request for £180 towards providing a book for every child at the school for World Book Day.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the grant of £180.

- c) Browns Brook Allotment Association – Larger Grant request for £750 towards purchasing an awning to be attached to the communal lock up.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the grant at a reduced figure of £500.

- d) Dawlish Dancers – Larger Grant request for £1421 towards rehearsal and workshop fees, travel costs and marketing and publicity for a one-day dance event on 2nd May 2020.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the grant at a reduced figure of £1000.

121 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT, DIRECT DEBITS AND INCOME (JANUARY 2020)

Members present received and considered the report of invoices paid, direct debits and income received since the last report to the Committee.

RESOLVED unanimously that the report be approved.

122 BANK RECONCILIATION (30 NOVEMBER AND 31 DECEMBER 2019 AND 31 JANUARY 2020)

Members were advised that all reconciliations for November and December 2019 and January 2020 had been checked, signed and authorised by the appointed Bank Reconciliations Signatory.

RESOLVED unanimously that the authorised reconciliations be noted.

123 EXE ESTUARY MANAGEMENT GROUP CONTRIBUTION

Members considered the suggested 3% increased contribution for 2020/2021 of £2575.

RESOLVED unanimously that the increased contribution of £2575 be approved with a request that all Exe Estuary Management Group minutes are circulated to all members by the Town Clerk and a report be given regarding the value of contributing to the group.

124 RURAL SKIP SERVICES 2020/21

Members considered the spend of £6,183.42 for the following three scheduled Rural Skip services provided via Teignbridge District Council:

- Saturday 13th June 2020 (10am-4pm), Sandy Lane car park
- Saturday 14th November 2020 (9:30am-3:30pm), Barton Hill car park
- Saturday 27th March 2021 (10am-4:00pm), Dawlish Warren outer car park

Members noted that it had been resolved at the January 2020 Civic Amenities Committee meeting that an additional rural skip service should be provided in the car park at Coronation Avenue in 2019/2020 and 2020/1.

Following this decision, the Events, Projects and Tourism Officer made enquires with the contractor and was advised that although they are unable to provide a skip to Coronation Avenue in this financial year they can provide a rural skip collection event for £3052.11 + VAT in 2020/21.

This price is the full inclusive provision of the event, staffing, containers and disposal/recycling of the wastes. The service would be between 10am and 4pm with a potential date of Saturday 1st August as one of the few available dates and is in addition to the schedule arranged through Teignbridge District Council.

Members were further advised that Teignbridge were approached in June 2018 to add the Coronation Avenue collection to the annual Dawlish Rural Skip Service (in order to receive the same discounted rate as the other collections) but they unfortunately refused.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Rural Skip Services provided via Teignbridge District Council for 2020/2021 with a request that council officers approach Teignbridge once again to ask that the collection for Coronation Avenue car park is included within future schedules, ideally avoiding Summer Holiday dates.

125 CONSULTATION – PARSONS TUNNEL TO TEIGNMOUTH RAIL RESILIENCE PROJECT 2020

Members considered the response sent to Network Rail by Teignmouth Town Council, as well as correspondence previously forwarded by Dawlish District Councillors.

As Chairman, Councillor Wrigley volunteered to draft an up to date response on behalf of the committee (with the assistance of the Town Clerk) encompassing all outstanding areas of concern. It was further suggested that the draft response then be circulated to all members for comment prior to submission.

RESOLVED unanimously that the most recent correspondence be forwarded to the Town Clerk to prepare an updated response with the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The updated response to then be forwarded to all councillors for comment prior to sending to Network Rail on the afternoon of 28th February 2020.

126 PRESS RELEASE

There was a member of the press present.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.25 p.m.

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Councillor Martin Wrigley Chairman.