

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 19th February 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present

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

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.

81 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Lowther, Mayne, Prowse, Taylor, Woods and Wrigley.

RESOLVED that the apologies be noted.

82 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations.

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

84 MINUTES

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 be signed as correct and accurate recording of the meeting.

Councillor Foden joined the meeting.

85 OFFICER'S REPORT

The officer reported that work was ongoing on the location of the swan interpretation board and the community information noticeboards locations as planning permission was required for each board. The community information boards had arrived and were being safely stored. More information was awaited on the date for the rural skip at Coronation Avenue and on the status of ownership of

the benches in the Strand. There was an ongoing issue with the basket swing at Little Week which was being pursued with the contractor.

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

86 CATENARY LIGHTING

Two quotes had been obtained for the catenary lighting to date and a third was awaited.

RESOLVED that the report was approved.

87 REVIEW OF PINE TREE, THE MANOR HOUSE

RESOLVED that the findings of the report were noted.

88 TREE RISK ASSESSMENT – SPRINGFIELD GARDENS

The officer would check the Council's position regarding its insurance if a branch was to fall down.

RESOLVED that the findings of the assessment were noted.

89 GREEN AUDIT

Cllr Mawhood gave a verbal report of the recent green audit. One item which was receiving investigation by the District Council as a result of the audit was the damage to the tree trunks on trees on the other side of the Brook in the Manor House Gardens, to ascertain the cause.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

90 DREDGING OF DAWLISH WATER

The officer reported there had been a meeting of the Town Clerk with the Drainage and Coastal Manager of Teignbridge District Council and Outside Services about a service level agreement regarding the lifting and closure of the weir gates and improving flow. Further details of the agreement were awaited.

RESOLVED that it should be seen how the agreement worked and then there should be a review of the situation.

91 MANOR HOUSE GROUNDS

Councillor Mawhood outlined preparations for a bed parallel to Old Town Street to be made ready to be planted before the end of March. Preparations were also being made for the bed in front of the Manor House to be ready for planting and for a planting scheme to be agreed from next year's budget.

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

92 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

Eleven mixed ducks, 2 swans (blue rings) and 2 hybrid geese had been sold. 2 Call ducks had hatched. On 14 February the wardens had opened all the weir gates. On 15 February 1 runner duck was found dead on the Lawn. On the 16 February the Swan's nest and eggs were washed away from opposite the old Post Office. All other swans, geese, ducks and cygnets were safe and well.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and that the Environment Agency/South West Water/ Teignbridge District Council be approached about the construction of a raised nesting area opposite the old Post Office.

93 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

No update was available.

94 DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

RESOLVED that the report be approved.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.44pm

Councillor Val Mawhood
CHAIRMAN