

Dawlish Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 31st May 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Councillors Graham-Ellis, James, Pyne, Dawson (ex-Officio) and Goodman-Bradbury (ex-Officio)

Absent:

Councillors Foden and James

In attendance:

Angie Weatherhead, Events, Projects & Tourism Officer

Public Participation:

Two members of the public were in attendance.

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.

Part I

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As neither the Chairman or Vice Chair were present at the meeting Cllr Dawson was proposed as the Chairman for the meeting by Cllr Lin Goodman-Bradbury and seconded by Cllr A James.

RESOLVED: with Cllr Dawson abstaining, that Cllr Dawson was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Foden and M James.

RESOLVED: that the apologies for absence were noted.

RESOLVED: that item 13 Oaklands Park Defibrillator be moved to the first item on the agenda so members of the public could speak.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lin Goodman-Bradbury declared an interest as she had an allotment at Brownsbrook and would not be taking part or voting on the Brownsbrook Allotment item.

3 DISPENSATIONS

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There were no dispensations.

4 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting on 26th April 2023.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 26th April 2023 were approved.

5 OAKLANDS PARK DEFIBRILLATOR

Standing orders were suspended at 7.06pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

A member of the Oaklands Park Residents Association spoke about the need for the defibrillator at the site and the association did not have the funding for the item.

Standing orders were resumed at 7.14pm

A possible issue was raised with the cover of the defibrillator and this would be checked with SWAST.

RESOLVED: that the cost of the connection and defibrillator be approved as set out in the paper and enquiries be made for a local electrician to assist with the connection between the supply once installed and the defibrillator.

6 PROJECTS REPORT

The officer reported there was no further progress on screening the viaduct bins from the Teignbridge District Council officer.

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

7 WILDFLOWER TURNING CIRCLE

Standing orders were suspended at 7.30pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

The member of the public spoke about it being a good idea with it potentially being across the strip of the circle which had been recently planted, but had not seeded well rather than the whole turning circle.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.32pm.

Councillors considered the seed mix, location, need for advice from ACT Wildlife Wardens, the need for it to look acceptable for a long period, with appropriate signage to explain the planting to the public.

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RESOLVED: that the Manor House and Riverside Committee is requested to approve that the central strip across the turning circle in front of the Manor House (where works were completed last year) become a wildflower area (with biodiversity and pollinators) as the Council has declared a climate emergency, and that within seven days, if approval were granted, a meeting of the ACT Wildlife Warden and a representative of the Civic Amenities Committee meet for advice with a view to early planting. The area would be accompanied by relevant signage of the project.

8 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

9 FOUNTAIN UPDATE

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

10 COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

11 NOTICE BOARD - BARTON CAR PARK

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Hardy and Weatherhead approach the Chamber of Trade regarding the situation with the notice board in the Barton Car Park and see if a partnership project might be possible with them and Cllr Dawson would raise the matter of a potential new noticeboard with the District Council.

12 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED: (with Cllr Godman-Bradbury not voting) that the report was noted.

13 SKATEPARK

Standing orders were suspended at 8.09pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

The member of the public spoke about the regular repairs at the park and they were keen to see work on a new skate park move forward.

Standing orders were reinstated at 8.22pm.

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

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The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.15 pm

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Cllr A Foden
Chairman – Civic Amenities Committee