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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Civic Amenities Committee
Held at The Manor House, Dawlish on
Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Councillors Mawhood (Chairman), Foden (Deputy Chairman), Heath, James, J. Petherick and Taylor

Absent:

Councillors Hardy, Prowse, Mayne and Dawson

In attendance:

Angie Weatherhead; Events, Projects and Tourism Officer.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation

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

88 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy and Prowse.

RESOLVED: that the apologies be noted.

89 AGREEMENT OF THE AGENDA BETWEEN PARTS I AND II

The agenda between Parts I and II was agreed to.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

91 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

92 MINUTES

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Members considered the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting on 15th February 2023.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Civic Amenities Committee meeting held on 15th February 2023 were approved.

93 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND GREEN AUDIT

The Chairman reported that the Green Audit walkabout had taken place with the Interim Green Spaces Manager of Teignbridge District Council. Issues raised included: matters raised by Cllr Foden with regard to river bank damage in the Manor Gardens by dogs; the new tree on the Lawn; damage to the flower beds surrounding the Lawn and the need for re-planting; the playpark; entrances to the Lawn; the Newhay; the Pines; and the additional PSPO notice locations on the Lawn. The playpark issue concerned the extent of the stone/rubble on the bank left from the works which was currently surrounded by the heras fencing and the general condition of the ground surface. This would not aid re-planting or cutting in the future. Around the end of the fence and path and the Brook area had also a similar problem and had been raised by the TDC officer with the Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the Council ask the TDC Open Spaces Officer and their tree contractor where possible to notify the Council of tree planting proposals and give advance warning of the felling of trees on Teignbridge District land in the Parish; and that the office contact the TDC officer for issues to be relayed to the Town Clerk for the contractor of the playpark to reinstate the ground and remove debris.

94 PROJECTS REPORT

The officer reported on the current situation regarding the defibrillator at Oaklands Park and the complications of permissions and electrical supply. Quotes were being obtained for works on the fountain by Tuck's Plot by the Town Clerk. Works would begin shortly on the telephone box on Queen Street with the revised Brunel Boards and new banners on the Strand anticipated to be in situ before Easter. The new fencing installations along the Brunswick would start on the 20th March. One volunteer had come forward to manage the Buntings noticeboard. Locations for the PSPO signs being purchased by the council had been agreed with Teignbridge District Council. There were issues with the Dawlish Warren lights which were currently under discussion with the Town Clerk, local traders at the Warren and a contractor. Other matters were ongoing regarding benches on the Strand, the scroll on the wood carving and the successful Tide Teignbridge grant amongst others. Cllr Heath asked if there had been progress on a defib at Smugglers as he believed the owner had written to the Town Clerk. The officer would follow up with the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

95 DAWLISH WATERFOWL

RESOLVED: that the report was noted.

96 BROWNSBROOK ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED: that the item was noted.

97 COMMUNITY INFORMATION BOARDS - LOCATION

A number of suggestions were made for the remaining community notice board including the new link road, near Westcliff School, Holcombe/Teignmouth area and John Nash Drive.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that the remaining noticeboard should be placed on the verge near Westcliff School and the play park owned by the District Council where First and Second Avenues join together.

98 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: that the Civic Amenities Committee recommended that the last line of point 1 of the Terms of Reference should now read: The Committee will meet a minimum of 6 times per annum and have other meetings as required.

99 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members approved and **resolved** the following resolution:

That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following items on the basis that the information to be disclosed would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

100 DAWLISH COMMUNITY AWARDS

Cllr J Petherick declared an interest in one item being discussed.

RESOLVED: The Civic Amenities Committee unanimously agreed on one nomination for the youth and one for the adult category of the Dawlish Community Awards 2023 to be recommended to the Town Council for approval in April. With one abstention it was also agreed that two nominations should be recommended for approval to the Town Council for two organisational awards in 2023 as the nominations were of equal merit and it was appropriate to have two awards, as due to the pandemic the awards had not taken place in each year over the last four years of the Council.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.05 pm

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CLlr Val Mawhood
Chairman – Civic Amenities Committee