

DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER OF DARTMOUTH GUILDHALL ON MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Lyon (Mayor); F Pritchard-Tagg (Deputy Mayor)
Cllrs: P Allen; M Baillie; R Cooke; T Fyson; T de Galleani; D Gent;
G Coles; B Harriss; I Pritchard; S Smith; R Springett.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Sergeant: R Lambden; Town Clerk: C Pritchard-Williams;
Dartmouth Chronicle: Charley Adams; County & District Cllr:
Jonathon Hawkins; District Cllrs: Rosemary Rowe; Hilary
Bastone; 10 members of the public.

102. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the standard emergency evacuation procedures. He requested that mobile phones and other devices be set on silent or turned off. Anyone intending to record any part of the meeting was asked to declare this.

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs F Hawke; D Kelland; S Thomson

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

105. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Sgt Simons had submitted a written report which was emailed to all Cllrs prior to the meeting (Appendix 1) and Sgt Simons also gave his report verbally.

Questions:

Cllr Smith asked if the Police were short staffed and Sgt Simons said that they were, there are only one PCSO, two Police Officers and himself.

106. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM AND PUT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hawkins had submitted a written report which was emailed out to all Cllrs prior to the meeting (Appendix 2) and Cllr Hawkins also gave his report verbally.

He commented that the Police report was very sombre and the Police needed more powers to help with crime.

Cllr Hawkins asked if the Council could discuss the possibility of having 20 mph speed limit zones within the town.

Cllr Hawkins also added that he will be training as a youth worker for Youth Genesis

Questions:

Cllr Allen spoke about a cluster alert system in the town, but this seems to have disappeared. Can this be re-instated to help with crime in Dartmouth?

Cllr Gent said that it had been run by the Chamber of Trade but fell by the wayside.

Sgt Simons said that the pubs now use a private What's App group so that they can communicate between themselves, he suggested a private What's App group between the shop owners of Dartmouth.

Cllr Fyson asked about the yellow lines at the junction of Crowther's Hill and Above Town, this junction has been blocked on a number of occasions. Cllr Hawkins suggested that the Mayor write to Lisa Edmonds and Neil Oxtan about this.

Cllr Rowe had submitted a written report which was emailed out to all Cllrs prior to the meeting (Appendix 3) and Cllr Rowe also gave her report verbally. There were no questions.

Cllr Bastone gave a verbal report

Questions:

Cllr Smith asked for the definition between affordable and social housing because the community gets confused and Cllr Bastone said that social housing was the older system and affordable housing is the newer system where rents are set at up to 80% of the local market rent.

Cllr Springett asked Cllr Bastone to confirm if a new health and wellbeing centre was being built on the park and ride extension which would be taking away essential parking at busy times of the year. Cllr Bastone confirmed that it was and that the NHS would be funding it. Unfortunately, this was the only offer on the table for a health and wellbeing centre.

107. QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public spoke about the grant application for Dartmouth Community Chest and asked why it was refused. Cllr Pritchard-Tagg said that the application was not refused, it was deferred and that the committee had asked for some additional information in the form of a copy of the van breakdown and car insurance policy and once this had been received that the grant application could then go back to a Finance committee meeting.

Sgt Simons and Cllr Hawkins left the meeting.

108. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

Members reviewed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3rd September 2018.

Cllr Allen asked for item 99 to be removed from the minutes and a separate Henley Trust meeting be arranged.

Proposed: Cllr Gent

Seconded: Cllr Springett

Resolved: That the Report and Recommendations of the meeting of the Town Council held on 3rd September 2018 once corrected, be confirmed and signed as a true record.

11 Cllrs were in favour

One Cllr abstained

109. TO RECEIVE SUCH CORRESPONDENCE AS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor said he had received a letter from the Chairman of the Dartmouth and Kingswear Society regarding the Dartmouth neighbourhood plan. He had discussed this with Cllr Fyson and they are coming up with a plan to move this forward which will be presented to Cllrs.

The Mayor spoke about a letter received from Captain Woodard from the BRNC in relation to issues with speeding up College Way, the Mayor said that the Clerk was working on this with DCC and Cllr Hawkins.

Cllr Fyson added that the danger seemed to be after dark from traffic ascending rather than descending.

Cllr Smith said the previous commanding officer from the BRNC tried to get this looked into but with no outcome, so he wished the Clerk well with this venture.

110. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS OF THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES:

- **Corporate Property Committee – 11th September 2018**

Cllr Springett reviewed the minutes and asked Cllrs to vote on the following items.

Cllr Baillie commented on the wording for item 44 within the C.P. minutes but was happy to leave the minutes as they were.

Proposed: Cllr Springett

Seconded: Cllr Gent

Resolved: That the Report and Recommendations of the above meeting be approved.

All Cllrs attending the meeting were in favour.

- **Finance Committee 18th September 2018**

Cllr Pritchard-Tagg reviewed the minutes and asked Cllrs to vote on the following items.

Cllr Gent said that the minutes did not accurately reflect his comment with regards to Community Chest and asked for the wording to be changed from 'up to scratch' to 'inadequate', the Clerk agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Pritchard-Tagg

Seconded: Cllr Gent

Resolved: That the Report and Recommendations of the above meeting once updated be approved.

All Cllrs attending the meeting were in favour.

- **Planning Committee 19th September 2018**

Cllr Gent reviewed the minutes and asked Cllrs to review the following items.

Proposed: Cllr Gent

Seconded: Cllr Harriss

Resolved: That the Report and Recommendations of the above meeting be noted.

All Cllrs attending the meeting were in favour.

- **General Purposes Committee 25th September 2018**

Cllr de Galleani reviewed the minutes and asked Cllrs to vote on the following items.

Proposed: Cllr de Galleani

Seconded: Cllr Gent

Resolved: That the Report and Recommendations of the above meeting be approved.

All Cllrs attending the meeting were in favour.

111. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM AND PUT QUESTIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES ON PUBLIC BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Cllr Gent spoke about the PPG (Patients Participation group) and commented that the AGM is on the 18th Oct at 6pm in Dartmouth Guildhall.

Cllr Gent also spoke about the Regatta and that the officers would be selected at the next Regatta meeting.

112. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT OF FINANCIAL MATTERS FOR AUGUST 2018

The Clerk had circulated copies of the financial report.

Cllr Allen spoke about the legal fees for Open Spaces and it was reported that this was well within budget now, but there were still some legal fees to pay.

Proposed: Cllr Gent

Seconded: Cllr Springett

Resolved: That the Clerk's report of financial matters for August 2018 under Standing Order No. 56 (b) be approved.

All Cllrs attending the meeting were in favour.

113. TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF DEEDS OF GRANT EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIAL FOR GRAVE NO: 'H(N)86' & 'J38'

Proposed: Cllr Springett

Seconded: Cllr Gent

Resolved: That Deeds of Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial be issued in respect of Grave No: 'H(N)86' & 'J38' at Longcross Cemetery, Dartmouth and the Town Mayor (Cllr R Lyon) and Deputy Mayor (Cllr F Pritchard-Tagg) be authorized to sign the Documents in accordance with terms contained in Minute No. 225 (3) 1975/6.

114. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ASKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO 29

Cllr Pritchard asked if she could be notified when the transport meetings were scheduled for, Cllr Baillie said she did try to get a message to Cllr Pritchard but that she may have been on annual leave, she said that she would continue to notify Cllr Pritchard of future meetings. It was pointed out that this is not a formal Council sub committee.

115. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT

There were none.

- 116.** It was noted that the following agenda items would be moved to the Corporate Property and the Open Spaces committees.
The Rules and Regulations for both Coronation Park and Royal Avenue Gardens would be moved to the Open Spaces Committee and the Pricing and the Public Liability Insurance for events in Coronation Park and Royal Avenue Gardens would be moved to the Corporate Property committee.
Proposed: Cllr Allen
Seconded: Cllr Gent
Resolved: To move the above agenda items to Corporate Property & Open Spaces committees.

The meeting ended at 8.06pm

ACTIONS

- Cllr Hawkins asked if the Council could discuss the possibility of having 20 mph speed limit zones within the town.
- The Mayor to write to Lisa Edmonds and Neil Oxtan about getting yellow lines painted at the junction of Crowther's Hill and Above Town to discourage vehicles parking here and blocking the junction.

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL.

03/09/2018 to 01/10/2018

Theft from tenders:

An outboard and tenders were used without the owner's permission. The property was recovered. The person responsible is a 14 year old boy from Dartmouth who has been referred through Youth Services.

Criminal damage to sheds

Sheds broken in to on the Milton lane allotments

Criminal damage to wall.

Graffiti sprayed to boundary wall on Church Road.

Theft from galleries

Three galleries were the victims of high value thefts. Enquiries are concentrating on a prolific shoplifter who was active during that period and known to concentrate on sculptured work

Theft of monies from charity box

RNLI charity box damaged and cash stolen in South Town

Street robbery

An 80 year old lady was using the cash point at McColls when a male pushed her out of the way, as her money was coming out of the cash dispenser. He ran off with £250.00.

An image has been circulated of the male responsible.

CO-OP – Burglary.

In the early hours of Monday 24th a male broke into the CO-OP using an angle-grinder. He then tried to break in to the cash machine but was disturbed when the smoke from the angle grinder set off the fire alarm. He ran off getting into a waiting vehicle at the Seven Stars. Twenty minutes before this he had punctured all the tyres of the two police vehicles outside the Townstal Police office, rendering them un-driveable.

Criminal damage – Market House.

A fight broke out in the pub which spilled outside. Two males were arrested and are paying for the damage caused.

Overnight Attempted burglary and theft from motor vehicles

A male visiting some family friends in Townstal went out and smashed a window at the Spa shop, Mayflower Close and stole items from within vehicles that had been left unlocked overnight. He has been identified and will be dealt with in Slough.

CCTV

The recent events in and around the town hi-light the urgent need for CCTV to be installed within Dartmouth. Await a survey from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office and decision from the council regarding the most suitable option to implement.

Liaison will need to begin with the businesses and residents of the town to assist funding.

Pedestrian Crossings

Two further accidents on the Pedestrian Crossing, Still waiting for the hedge to be fixed at the Crossparks crossing.

Sgt Iain Simons

01/10/18

APPENDIX 2

REPORT FROM CLLR JONATHAN HAWKINS FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING 1ST OCTOBER 2018

1. Highways - Meeting arranged with Lisa Edmonds and Neil Oxtan on 10th Oct
Town Clerk will be with us
Issues to discuss
 - 2019/20 TRO
To discuss requests for added Yellow lines but also to see where they can be taken out
 - Concern over speeding on College Way
 - 20 mile zones in Dartmouth

- Have town council discussed this ?
- traffic calming in Southtown
2. A program of resurfacing/ dressing is taking place in the next few months
Churchfields, Mayflower Close, Ridge Hill, Mount Boone etc
 3. Written to Richard Jackson on Devon County Planning expressing concern over the development of Fish Hoek
 4. Asked for bus shelters for Football Club, Mayflower Close/ Collingwood Road
 5. Meeting with John Hart and Andrew Leadbetter concerning Adult Services in Dartmouth and lack of beds
 6. Grants offered this month
 - £1000 Youth Genesis - Declare an interest as have offered to be a volunteer
 - £1000 Dartmouth Green Partnership
 - £750 Dartmouth Museum
 - £500 Dartmouth Library
 - £500 Dartmouth Sea Cadets

APPENDIX 3

Report for Dartmouth Town Council for September 2018

From Rosemary Rowe.

During August there have not been many meetings to report on, it has been a fairly quiet time within The Council although day to day running of the business still has to take place.

The New Universal Credit System which was introduced gradually across the county by Post Code has now been completed .It replaces six previous benefits which could be claimed into one single payment.Payments are made monthly and can cause problems at first with the claimants' finances until it is settles down. It is intended to help those on low pay and getting back to work schemes, more details can be found and applications made on line via the <https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit> website.

Multi Occupancy of Properties and Housing Homes Standards. The District Council will be dealing with private letting Landlords to enforce regulations.

Gas Safe Week started on 17/9. Please use only Gas Safe reg. Engineers only. This means C.O.R.G.I. All gas appliances should be checked every year and definitely before winter sets in, if using Gas Fires... And also Carbon monoxide testing alarms along with smoke alarms

are very important in all rented properties and indeed in all homes. Check that they are in working order.

At Full Council Meeting last week we debated several items to take us to the end of the year, we are looking at next year's Budget and have a work shop coming up shortly, remembering that we are nearing the end of the life of the present term for Councillors as in all towns and parish councils.

A new S.Devon A.O.N.B. management plan for 2019/2024 has been written and is in draft form ready for consultation.

Finally it is Flu Jab time again, please everyone who is eligible get you're Jab.

Best wishes,

Rose.