

# SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2008

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Semple (Chairman)  
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, L Garner, M Greenyer, G Jones, J Knight, J Meakin, Miss S O'Connell, B Palacio, Mrs C Wise.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sgt Phillips, 4 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs J Roebuck ( maternity leave)

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr Grint raised concern at the lack of any meetings with EDDC on the Youth Centre and youth matters in general. Meetings had been promised but had not taken place.

Mr Grint was advised that EDDC had a new Youth Champion, and the Chairman and Vice Chairman had had an initial meeting with the Youth Champion when the size of the problem had been made clear.

Mrs Cotterill raised the matter of the beach mats. She was advised this was an EDDC matter, and it was understood progress was stalled due to health and safety issues.

#### **88/08 TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted and approved.

#### **89/08 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

#### **90/08 TO RECEIVE THE BEAT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Sgt Phillips reported 35 crimes between 23<sup>rd</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> June (46 last year), and these figures had maintained a 20% reduction over last year. He was concerned at burglaries where the residents were present .

Seaton was to receive 1 additional police officer as part of the Force-wide 200 released to the beat, and he hoped to obtain a replacement PCSO for Tina. The Council would write to Inspector Gale in support.

Action was now in hand to design out the problems of young people using the area of the Seafeld gardens and bus shelter.

In response to Cllr Knight, Sgt Phillips said it was unlikely the Police would raise an objection to the proposed Stock Lane development.

Cllr Burrows joined the meeting during this item.

Sgt Phillips then left the meeting

#### **91/08 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

No reports had been received.

**92/08 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Cllr Knight declared an interest as an EDDC Councillor

Cllr Miss O'Connell declared a prejudicial interest in item 11 ( Local Government Reorganisations).

**93/08 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Planning - 21<sup>st</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Finance & General Purposes - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Cliff Field and Seaton in Bloom - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008

It was Resolved to receive and adopt these Committee Minutes

**94/08 IT IS PROPOSED A LETTER IS SENT TO DCC DEPLORING THE EXCLUSION OF SEATON FROM THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO REQUEST A POLICY STATEMENT FROM DCC ON ITS INTENTIONS REGARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SEATON (CHAIRMAN, CLLR PALACIO)**

The Chairman reported that she and the Vice Chairman had met with the new EDDC Youth Champion and had laid out the concerns of no provision for Youth in Seaton. She also quoted from the DCC Youth Plan 2008-2011, of which none of the targets had been provided for Seaton. It was clear that surrounding towns and parishes were to benefit from DCC funding whereas Seaton was not.

It was Resolved to write to DCC as indicated in the Resolution.

**95/08 IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE CLIFF FIELD AND SEATON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE AND THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE COMMITTEE ENTITLED 'CIVIC AMENITIES COMMITTEE' WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL AMENITIES MATTERS. FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE OPERATED THROUGH THE CURRENT ALLOTMENTS BANK ACCOUNT ( CHAIRMAN)**

The Chairman reported that on reflection, it would be prudent for the Allotments Committee to remain as at present.

It was Resolved that the Cliff Field and Seaton in Bloom Committee be entitled ' the Amenities Committee' and be responsible for all amenities matters.

**96/08 IT IS PROPOSED THE COUNCIL EXPRESSES CONCERN AT THE LACK OF CLEANING OF THE PEDESTRIAN AREA ( CLLR BURROWS)**

It was Resolved to write to EDDC to request that their hand operated pavement cleaning machine is deployed to Seaton to clean the pavements in the pedestrian priority zone on a regular basis, and in particularly first prior to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

**97/08 THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS MAKING THE SQUARE, MARINE PLACE, MARINE CRESCENT CONSENT STREETS SO THAT REGULAR STREET MARKETS CAN TAKE PLACE ( CLLR BURROWS)**

It was Resolved to write to EDDC to ascertain the implications of having The Esplanade ( from Beach Road to Fisherman's Gap), The Square, Marine Place, and Marine Crescent declared consent streets for the purposes of street trading, and that a letter be sent to the Press reminding residents to secure their rubbish from bird and animal attack until it could be collected by EDDC.

**98/08 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION ( CHAIRMAN)**

The Chairman advised Members that the announcement by the Boundary Committee on their preferred option would be made by 6<sup>th</sup> July, to be followed by a 12 week public consultation period, and now was the time for all Members to read themselves fully into the subject.

CLlr Miss O'Connell declared a prejudicial interest (predetermination) and left the Chamber for this item.

**99/08 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF A TOWN MANAGER ( CHAIRMAN)**

The Chairman provided Members with an update on the provision of a Town Manager, and that if the Seaton Heights development was sanctioned by the Minister, recruiting, office space and duties of the Manager would need to be quickly resolved.

**100/08 IT IS PROPOSED THAT EDDC BE ASKED TO DESIGNATE A SECTION OF SEATON BEACH AS A WORKIGN BEACH SIMILAR TO THAT IN BEER ( CLLR MISS O'CONNELL)**

In was so Resolved

**101/08 TO CONSIDER WHETHER A NEW BUILD COMMUNITY FACILITY IS PREFERABLE TO THE REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE TOWN HALL AND WHETHER YOUTH FACILITIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS FACILITY OR ELSEWHERE ( CHAIRMAN)**

Each Member was asked to state their preference.

There was a clear majority in support of a new-build community facility, but there was no clear indication at this stage where this building might be located or whether it should include youth facilities

CLlr Burrows left the meeting at 2050 hours

**102/08 IT IS PROPOSED THE COUNCIL AGREES TO FACILITATE A 'FRESHER' TYPE FAIR SIMILAR TO THAT HELD IN DECEMBER 2007 TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL OR OTHER SUITABLE VENUE DURING THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER AND THAT THE COUNCIL AGREES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT UP TO £250 TO COVER VENUE HIRE, PUBLICITY AND OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS( CLLR JONES)**

It was so Resolved. The Clerk was to book a Saturday ( or Friday) in late September, using one of the 4 free annual uses of the Hall.

**103/08 IT IS PROPOSED THE COUNCIL WRITES TO TESCO EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AT THE WAY BLUE WATER HOLIDAY CAMP SITE HAS BEEN TIDIED AND MADE SAFE ( CLLR PALACIO)**

It was Resolved to write to Tesco and Axe Riverside to express appreciation

**104/08 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Cllr Mrs Rogers – reponse to the DCC suggestion of further Planning for Real exercises

It was Resolved to respond to Cllr Mrs Rogers that the Council intended to use the Town Strategy document as the basis for seeking progress, rather than repeat the 1990's Planning for Real exercises

b) Mr Tony Hill – Axmouth/Seaton Boundary  
Members took note.

c) Christine Grint – requirement for additional opening hours at the DCC Colyford Road refuse site

It was Resolved to write to DCC to request extended opening hours in order to reduce the build up of dangerous traffic flows whilst maintaining current recycling volumes.

**105/08 TO CONSIDER ANY LATE ENTRY CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none

**106/08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE DAPC LARGER COUNCILS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Members took note.

**107/08 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk again reminded Members of the complex but potentially exciting and beneficial times which will flow from local government reorganisation and the regeneration process and they should be under no illusion that clarity of thought and decision making will be demanding if Seaton was to reap the full benefit.

**108/08 TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

It was Resolved to agree the definitive list (attached)

**109/08 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2008**

Members took note

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2105 hours

**These Minutes confirmed this .....day of .....2008**

**Presiding Chairman .....**

