

SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

25th March 2008

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Semple (Chairman)
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, L Garner,
G Jones, J Knight, Miss S O'Connell, R Palacio, Mrs C Wise

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Meakin (holiday), M Greenyer (work), Mrs J Roebuck
(maternity leave)

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Hutter, 11 Members of the public

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sue Amato and Debby Hubbard, the managers of the Nippers Day Nursery in the Lyme Bay Holiday Village, raised concerns over the loss of this facility when the village closes in January 2009. Their full statement is attached.

Jay Watts who runs the swimming pool in the Village Leisure Centre also raised concerns at the loss of this facility which is being increasingly used as a health and fitness tool by the elderly.

Prior to the start of the meeting Cllr S O'Connell asked that item 17 be taken after item 8 to enable her to attend to her duties at Ground Zero. The meeting agreed.

599/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted and approved.

600/07 TO RECEIVE THE BEAT MANAGER'S REPORT

The statistics are attached to these Minutes. These show that total crimes are down (26 against 33 for February). Many crimes are drug related. PC Hutter described a recent operation where 13 arrests were made and 6 vehicles were taken off the road for road tax/ insurance violations. In response to Cllr Jones, PC Hutter confirmed the Police were monitoring Facebook and other similar websites. Cllr Miss O'Connell reported that ALL incidents in the Grove were recorded in relation to Grove Zero. PC Hutter was thanked for his report.

601/07 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' WRITTEN REPORTS

None received

602/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. It was also Resolved to receive and adopt the following Committee Meeting Minutes .

603/07 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- a) Planning – 25th February 2008
- b) Finance & General Purposes – 11th February 2008
- c) Cliff Field Gardens & Seaton in Bloom meeting of 8th January 2008

604/07 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Cllr Burrows declared a personal interest in item 8 (CCTV). Cllr Knight declared a blanket interest as an EDDC Councillor, Cllr Miss O’Connell declared a prejudicial interest in item 14 and 15 (Lyme Bay Holiday Camp Employee)

605/07 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT ON OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Chairman reported she had not had any official engagements since the last meeting.

606/07 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT

Members took note of the report (attached)

607/07 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE PROPOSER, Cllr Burrows

A) TO PROPOSE THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE POLICE IN THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE INSTALLATION OF CCTV IN THE TOWN.

Cllr Burrows produced the results of a recent survey which showed a majority of those questioned were in favour of installing CCTV in the town and in favour of the Council allocating financial resources towards installation.

The Clerk reported on discussions he had held with X-Act, a local concern which installs CCTV systems.

It was Resolved to support the Police in the Community to have CCTV installed in the Town, and to match funds to a maximum of £5000, but the Town Council would not be the lead organisation. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk would liaise with the Police regarding the siting of cameras.

Cllr Burrows abstained.

B) TO AGREE A POLICY OF AWARDING GRANTS TO LOCAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

This item was not taken

608/07 TO PROPOSE THAT THIS COUNCIL SETS UP A CITIZENS PANEL, DRAWN FROM ALL SCETIONS OF THE COMMUNITY TO LOOK AT WAYS AT MAKING SEATON A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY (Cllr O'Connell)

It was Resolved that the Town Council supports the principle of the setting up of a citizens panel to look at ways of making Seaton a sustainable community.

609/07 TO PROPOSE FOR A TRIAL PERIOD FROM 1ST MAY TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2008, THE ROAD BETWEEN BEACH ROAD AND FISHERMAN'S GAP BE CLOSED EACH WEEKEND FROM 7PM FRIDAY TO 8AM MONDAY AND THAT GROUPS WITH APPROPRIATE INSURANCE BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAGE EVENTS (Chairman)

It was so Resolved. The Clerk would seek the approval of EDDC for a blanket order to cover the period 1st May – 30th September 2008

610/07 TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2008 (Chairman)

It was Resolved to form a working party, comprising of volunteer Members, to meet at 1900 hours on 7th April 2008 to formulate recommendations to be put before the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

611/07 TO CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION BY MRS J MILLMAN TO FORM A 'FRIENDS OF SEATON TOWN HALL' GROUP (Minute 568/07)

Mrs Millman briefed Members on the successful outcome of the recent open meeting to launch the Friends of Seaton Town and Community Hall Group. The next meeting was to be held on 9th April 2008 and the Committee intended to carry out a survey to gauge the needs of the community. Cllr Knight offered to provide the EDDC figures relating to the use of the Hall. In response from a question by Mr Cook, the Chairman undertook to keep the Group aware of EDDC'S intentions regarding the management of the Hall.

Mrs Millman was thanked for her efforts to date and the Chairman suggested any request for grant aid would be considered once the group had a constitution and a bank account.

612/07 IT IS PROPOSED THIS COUNCIL AGREES TO THE PROVISION OF A TEENAGE SHELTER TO BE SITED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SKATEBOARD PARK AND THE DETAILS OF DESIGN, FUNDING, PROCUREMENT AND SITING BE DELEGATED TO THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (Chairman)

It was so Resolved. The point was made that the users should be the ones who select the shelter.

PC Hutter left the meeting

Cllr Burrows left the Chamber

- 613/07** **FOR COUNCIL TO NOTE THAT FROM TIME TO TIME, CHAIRMEN OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES WILL MEET TO DISCUSS RELEVANT MATTERS. THIS WILL BE KNOWN AS THE CHAIRMAN'S GROUP. THE GROUP WILL NOT BE A DECISION MAKING BODY (Clerk)**

Members took note.

Cllr Miss O'Connell left the meeting

Cllr Burrows returned to the Chamber

- 614/07** **TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE IN JANUARY 2009 OF THE LYME BAY HOLIDAY FACILITY AND TO PROPOSE WHAT STEPS THE COUNCIL IS ABLE TO TAKE, OR SUGGEST TO OTHER AUTHORITIES, TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE LOSS**

The Chairman reported she was meeting with EDDC on 26th March 2008 together with the EDDC and DCC Ward Members, and that she was of the opinion that Tesco's needed to do something practical and positive for the town (eg a new nursery). The Council would also be meeting with Tesco's on the 26th March 2008 to hear of their development proposals.

Mr Morgan asked why were Tesco's closing down the operational element of the site.

Cllr Mrs Collins stated the Town Councillors will support those campaigning to have the decision to close the Holiday Camp reversed.

Cllr Palacio asked if the Sustainable Communities Act could help the situation.

Cllr Jones reported the action by Tesco's to close the Holiday camp had united the town like nothing previously.

It was agreed the Council use the noticeboards and their website to keep the public informed of developments (to minimise rumours!).

- 615/07** **THIS COUNCIL DEPLORES THE CLOSURE OF LYME BAY HOLIDAY CAMP WITHOUT A PLANNING APPLICATION BEING APPROVED BY EDDC. (Cllr Burrows)**

It was so Resolved

- 616/07** **TO RECEIVE A REPORT BY CLLRS KNIGHT AND MEAKIN ON A MEETING WITH DCC REGARDING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNITS ON 7TH MARCH 2008**

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in this item (spouse Chairman of Seaton Development Trust) and left the Chamber. Cllr Knight took the Chair.

Members took note of the report.

617/07 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

a) DAPC – requirements to nominate a representative to the larger Councils

Cllr Mrs Semple returned to the Chamber and re-assumed the Chair.

It was Resolved to nominate Cllr Mrs Semple as the Council's representative on the DAPC Larger Council's Sub Committee, with Cllr Mrs Collins as the deputy.

b) EDDC – Alcohol in Designated Places Order: Seaton Town Centre
Members took note

c) Mr S Otter, Chief Constable dated 3rd March 2008
Members took note

d) Mr D Morgan – Chairman Seaton Design Statement Group
Mr Morgan was advised that when the Design Group funding by the Council reached £500 the Group should make a submission for further grant aid.

e) DCC – Visit of the Napoli Roadshow 27th March 2008
Members took note. It was agreed to meet at 1800hours prior to the 7th April Planning meeting to formulate the Council's submission to the inquiry

f) DAPC – Nominations for Royal Garden Party 15th July 2008
It was Resolved to nominate Cllr Knight

g) Seaton Carnival Committee – request to use Cliff Field Gardens for a band concert 25th August 2008

Cllr Burrows declared a prejudicial interest (Carnival Committee) and left the chamber

It was agreed to the use of Cliff Field Gardens on the 25th August 2008

h) DCC – St Clare's Close Seaton, (Prohibition of Waiting) order
Members took note

i) Mrs H Drew JP – Offer to speak to the Council on the work of the Magistrate's Court

It was agreed to consider Mrs Drew as a speaker at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

j) EDDC – Closure of ALL of the Esplanade RBL Street Fair 5th May 2008

Members took note

618/07 TO CONSIDER ANY LATE ENTRY CORRESPONDENCE

a) ALLOTMENT INSPECTIONS

It was agreed the Allotment Committee Members meet at the Allotments site at 1000hours Wednesday 15th April 2008 to carry out the first allotments inspection.

b) LETTER FROM MR BACKHOUSE 7 FLEET COURT

It was agreed to delegate this matter to the Planning Committee.

619/07 RESOLUTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 73

It was Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

PART 11 BUSINESS

Date of the next meeting: Monday 21st April 2008

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110 hours

These Minutes confirmed thisday of2008

Presiding Chairman