

Present

*Cllr T de Galleani – Chairman
*Cllr I A Pritchard – Vice-Chairman

#Cllr P F Allen
*Cllr M Baillie
*Cllr L M Barnes
*Cllr G B F Coles
*Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)
*Cllr D M Gent
*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)
*Cllr S Smith

*Denotes attendance
#Denotes apology for absence

Observers: Cllr F J Hawke
Cllr R F Rendle

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Coles declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 – Dartmouth Massachusetts.

Cllr de Galleani declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 - South West in Bloom Civic Reception.

Cllr Coles declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 – Park and Ride tenders.

Cllr Hawke declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 – Park and Ride tenders.

2. PROVISION OF A SKIP SERVICE FOR LARGE ITEMS OF HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH.

Cllr Hawke reminded the committee that this item had been referred back from Full Council in July, following the General Purposes Committee meeting of 23rd June 2015. Cllr Hawke suggested that two skips be provided in Townstal and also in the lower town to take large items of household rubbish and added that if members agreed to this in principle Devon and Cornwall Housing would be approached for the use of their vans to transport items to the skips.

Cllr Smith agreed to raise this at the Townstal Community Partnership meeting on 28th September 2015. Members were asked to approve spending of up to £2,000 for this as a one-off scheme. It was noted that South Hams District Council charged £51.00 for each large item of household rubbish to be collected.

Cllr Lyon reported that following discussions with our District and County Councillors, no further monies were available at County or District level to provide a skip service for Dartmouth.

Provision of the skips would be supervised and a small charge made for each item.

Proposed: Cllr R W I Cooke

Seconded: Cllr S Smith

Recommended: That the Town Council set aside £2,000 for the provision of skips at Townstal and in the Lower Town in 2015/2016 as a one off scheme and that a nominal fee of £5 per item be charged for their use.

3. HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH AND THE PROVISION OF SEAGULL SACKS.

The Chairman informed members of her concerns regarding the amount of rubbish in the town over the summer. Members discussed possible penalties for residents who did not use seagull proof sacks for their rubbish and the difficulties of enforcement. Dartmouth's locality officer was available to speak to residents who could be identified through items of rubbish.

The Clerk would write to the Harbour Authority to ask that they remind those mooring in the river to dispose of their rubbish at the correct facility and would also write to the Holiday let companies to remind them of their responsibilities

to ensure that all waste from holiday lets was disposed of in the correct manner.

A press release encouraging residents to take pride in their town would be issued by the Mayor to cover rubbish, A- Boards and grass verges.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon
Seconded: Cllr G B F Coles

Recommended: That a press release be issued to encourage residents to take pride in the appearance of the Town.

4. VOLUME OF A- BOARDS IN DARTMOUTH.

The Chairman reported that the number and size of A-boards in the Town was increasing, members discussed various solutions to the problem.

Proposed: Cllr D M Gent
Seconded: Cllr S Smith

Recommended: That our County Councillor be asked to tour the town with a group of Councillors, with the intention that A-boards blocking the pavement be removed.

Cllr Barnes requested a recorded vote.

For the motion

Cllr M Baillie
Cllr G B F Coles
Cllr R W I Cooke
Cllr T de Galleani
Cllr D M Gent
Cllr R M Lyon
Cllr I A Pritchard
Cllr S Smith

Against

Cllr L M Barnes

Abstentions

5. SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM CIVIC RECEPTION AT THE GUILDHALL – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2015.

The Chairman updated members on the preparations for the Civic reception to celebrate the South West in Bloom awards and promote the Town, which would be held at the Guildhall on 23rd September 2015. Approximately 150 dignitaries would be invited including representatives from each town taking part in South West in Bloom and the event judges. Cllr Barnes would write a press release for the event.

6. PARK AND RIDE TENDERS FOR DARTMOUTH.

Following an item raised by Cathy Aubertin from South Hams District Council at a recent Dartmouth Area Public Transport Group meeting, members discussed the future composition of the Park and Ride service for Dartmouth. Cllr Coles detailed problems experienced with the buses during Regatta but on the whole members felt this years' service had improved greatly on previous years.

Cllr Lyon explained that the new tenders issued for 2015 by the District Council had led to a cost of £9,000 as compared to £40,000 in previous years. Members expressed concerns for the future of the service as First Buses, the operators, were now leaving the area.

The Clerk would write to Cathy Aubertin to ask that the Park and Ride service be continued and that the District Council issue tenders for 2016 onwards. Cllr Hawke had information on the current Park and Ride service which would be distributed to members should further negotiations prove necessary.

7. GRASS VERGE CUTTING SERVICE IN DARTMOUTH.

Following the cessation of the service by Devon County Council members discussed the future needs for grass cutting in the Town.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon
Seconded: Cllr I A Pritchard

Recommended: That no action be taken at present but that all matters concerning grass cutting problems and weeds be reported to South Hams District Council on a regular basis.

8. DARTMOUTH MASSACHUSETTS – VISIT BY THE SISTER CITY DELEGATION COMMITTEE IN 2016.

The Clerk had received an email from the sister city delegation committee from Dartmouth Massachusetts, asking the Town Council to suggest appropriate dates for 20 – 40 delegates to visit Dartmouth, Devon in 2016.

Proposed: Cllr R M Lyon

Seconded: Cllr S Smith

Recommended: That the month of May 2016 be suggested as an appropriate date for the visit from Dartmouth Massachusetts.