



## **Sustainable Dawlish AGM Agenda November 2021**

### **Welcome**

**Present: Carolyn Ballard (CB) , Ian Shields (IS), David Bailey (DB), Cllr and Mayor of Dawlish Town Council- Valeria Mawhood (VM), Cllr. Gary Taylor (GT)**

**Apologies: Sue Brader (SB), Jenny Lancaster (Dawlish Garden Society)**

#### **1) Election of Officers**

**Chairperson: Carolyn Ballard proposed by VM; seconded by IS. Elected.**

**General Secretary: Sue Brader proposed by CB; seconded by GT. Elected.**

**Treasurer: Ian Shields proposed by DB, seconded by GT. Elected.**

**Committee Support: (in case of absence) DB**

#### **2) Carolyn Ballard , Chairperson's report (see below)**

**Matters arising: 'Devon' Garden Society under The Great Big Green Week section should read Dawlish Garden Society.**

**DB raised a question about the demise of the Dawlish Produce Market. He agreed to investigate the reasons why the market had been unable to go ahead beyond one trial market held in early Spring 2020 with Angie Weatherhead, Projects Officer DTC, (AW) and will contact Lori of Shute Fruit who organises the monthly Teignmouth market at The Triangle to find out what can be done to reinstate. He will also contact Dawlish Chamber of Trade to consult on their views. GT had picked up the sense that the recent Christmas Market had been beneficial to those shops who had been open on the Sunday as far as footfall was concerned and therefore this augured well for holding monthly local produce market. Action DB**

**The Part 3 Teignbridge Local Plan review consultation was discussed. GT reported that the proposed Renewable Energy sites were identified as a desk based exercise based on landowner promotion of sites not linked to policy, and carried out by Exeter University. He urged Sustainable Dawlish to provide feedback regarding the advantages and disadvantages of identified sites. The consultation also includes proposals for development of small sites for housing. GT pointed out that brownfield sites, particularly those in large towns, would be the first choice as there was already existing infrastructure, and employment opportunities.**

VM suggested that ACT Wildlife Wardens would be able to provide vital information as to the environmental threats posed by proposals to include Manor Farm, for example as they know the sites well.

Sustainable Dawlish is to encourage its members to respond and individual core group members are encouraged to send their individual feedback to IS to collate prior to 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2022 when the consultation ends. Copies of the Local Plan Review Part 3 will be available in Dawlish Library.

Action IS

### 3) Ian Shields , Treasurer's Report

IS explained that in the first part the account figures date from April 2019 to April 2020. There were no changes to report from April 2020 to April 2021 due to no activity able to take place during the Covid 19 pandemic except for free zoom meetings of the Core group. The Dawlish Walking Festival had been unable to take place due to Government regulations with social distancing requirements, for example.

The final part of the accounts were all related to The Great Big Green Week income and expenditure and is showing a slight profit, however there are some invoices still to be received.

VM raised a question about income from stalls at the Dawlish Lawn Event as it appears that only half had paid the hire fee. IS to follow up.

Action IS

The accounts were recognised as a true record of income and expenditure.

CB thanked IS for putting them together.

### 4) Events planning for 2022

An Energy Saving Forum is planned to take place in March 2022. CB has made contact with the Strand Centre to book the Auditorium. She has also contacted Alison Dolley, Teignbridge Housing Officer to ask for their presence and support in taking an Information Stand and making a presentation so that people can be made more aware of their options re. insulation, grants, and support available to them, especially those living in old housing stock in the parish and Dawlish Conservation area.

CB stated for example that not all types of insulation were suited for older houses, and could cause damp problems .

It was also important that people should be made aware of the full cost and upheaval required to fit ASHPs to replace old gas boilers (available through accredited firms who would apply for the 5K Government grants to be made available from April) and the conditions that must be met before that could happen. EPC surveys would be important to ascertain the energy saving measures needed by individual households. However there were costs attached to this. She had been investigating a scheme run by the Energy Saving Trust, whereby a group of households could have Energy saving checks and receive individual reports per household and the Community Home Energy group would receive amalgamated information to show the types of measures needed that could then be used as a basis for attracting grant funding to alleviate the situation. CB is to contact Teignbridge as they may already be running this scheme.

VM suggested contacting ACTION on Climate in Teignbridge to ask them to have a Stand and provide a presentation as they are very knowledgeable and would be able to provide significant input.

Action CB

Dawlish Against Plastic member, Dave Hutton, had made contact to discuss his and Scott Williams' ( Volunteer Wildlife Warden) plans to run a Turn of the Tide Festival. Dawlish Town Council are keen for an annual green themed event to take place and use of the marquee booked for the Jubilee Celebration has been offered free of charge to allow this to happen on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. The hire of the Lawn would be covered by DTC. as would all the health and safety requirements The proposals put forward so far are wide ranging and will need to be pared down in order to be successful within one day. Sustainable Dawlish are prepared to offer advice and support, and also to be involved but would not wish to run the event.

A meeting is being arranged with AW, DH and other interested parties to discuss the way forward. Of the dates suggested CB and IS are available on 10<sup>th</sup> December . CB will contact DH to let him know.

Action CB & IS

DB and also Sustainable Dawlish have both received invitations from Grace Fisher of The Climate Coalition inviting involvement in the 2022 Great Big Green Week from 24<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It was noted that this did not need to be as big a series of events as took place in 2021, as the fundraising and admin. had been onerous. Everyone felt that this would be a good time to put on the Walking Festival in 2022, with green themed and other popular interest walks led by Community groups and Walk leaders. Also, perhaps a better time of year than April and particularly suited to environment themed walks.

Sponsorship was discussed: Scott Richards have been involved in the past and may wish to continue. Sainsbury's and Gays Creamery were also possible firms to approach.

It has already been agreed that the next Walking Festival will take place over a shorter period of time; not involve so many printed pamphlets and make more use of technology with QR codes. The full programme could be printed in the local paper and our website.

CB will find out whether SB is happy with these proposals, before we agree to go ahead, as she has been the organiser of the Walking Festival with AW's support in previous years.

Action CB

#### 5) Change of Name: Progress with Sustainable Dawlish Banner, and website

It has been decided to commission a new Banner on a stand for use at events for identification now that we are 'Sustainable Dawlish'. The design is at the drawing stage and will need to be simplified. An eco banner was also suggested with spaces for patches to be attached by sewing machine so dates and events could be changed.

We will need to ascertain from SB which website name to use.

Action CB