

Minutes of the **CCTV Working Group**
held at **Town Hall, Swanage**
on **Monday 17th November 2006** at **9.30 a.m.**

Present: -

Councillor M. Pratt - Chairman
Councillor Mrs J. Farrow
Councillor Mrs G. Marsh

Also in attendance:-

Mr A. Leeson Town Clerk
Dr M. Ayres Assistant Town Clerk
Mr G. Brookes Operations Manager

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to report.

2. SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS – OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The Town Clerk summarised five potential options that had been put forward by the Town Council's contractor to improve the responsiveness of the CCTV system. It was noted that the nature of the solution was likely to be influenced by the ability of the Council to finance the improvement.

A number of the options required the Town Council to continue housing the equipment at the White House on Shore Road and after lengthy discussion it was AGREED:

That the Working Group reaffirms its recommendation that the equipment should be transferred to the Police Station, with provision for some Town Council access.

The Town Clerk voiced concerns over the expectation that the Town Council would fully fund this substantial upgrade to the CCTV system, and that continuing demands would be made on the Council in the future. The possibility of attaining outside funding was discussed and Councillors Mrs Farrow and Mrs Marsh agreed to raise the matter with Karen Jaggs, the District Council Community Safety Officer.

Councillor Mrs Marsh, Chairman of the South Purbeck Task Group, stressed her support for the option that demonstrated the Town Council's commitment to deterring anti-social behaviour. The potential long-term economic benefit to the Town Council of reducing vandalism was also highlighted.

After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs Marsh and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the CCTV Working Group recommends the adoption of Option 5, a 10x Digital Radio Link, estimated to cost £29,875, with the condition that approaches be made to outside bodies for funding.

3. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING MATTERS OR ISSUES FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS

The need for more regular cleaning of the CCTV cameras was highlighted and the possible use of a water resistant lens-coating was discussed. The Operations Manager was requested to investigate the options for cleaning the cameras.

Councillor Mrs Marsh reported that concern had been raised at the most recent meeting of the Crime and Disorder Partnership about large numbers of youths congregating at the Council's shelter on the seafront. Visitors to the Mowlem Theatre had reported feeling intimidated and the possibility of removing the shelter had been discussed. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the agenda of a future policy meeting.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Working Group should meet as and when required.

The Meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.

