

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND RESOURCES**
matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **TUESDAY, 16th**
NOVEMBER 2004 at 12.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A.H. Miller (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink

Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett

Councillor C.R. Bright (Until 12.15 p.m.)

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow (Until 12.40 p.m.)

Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough (Until 1.30 p.m.)

Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan

Councillor M.W. Pratt

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor M.A. Tyrer

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Trite and Mrs. Wheeldon.

2. **BEACH GARDENS**

(a) **Business Strategy Proposals**

Further to Minute No. 8 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27th October 2004, consideration was given to the future business strategy proposals for Beach Gardens.

Detailed consideration was given to a Report submitted by the Tourist Information Centre Manager, in conjunction with a Survey and Feasibility Report compiled by the Operations Manager.

During the discussion, concern was expressed at the cost of providing the services at Beach Gardens, and the requirement to upgrade the facilities in the Pavilion. It was acknowledged that the area in general was under-utilised by the general public (the main users being members of the Bowls and Tennis Clubs), and that greater use of the facilities should be promoted.

Benefits could be achieved by upgrading the kitchen facilities (for use by both the Bowls and Tennis Clubs) and encouraging greater use of the Hall in the Pavilion. The introduction of a small café was also mooted.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which Members agreed that the principles of Best Value should be applied when considering matters relating to Beach Gardens (Compete, Compare, Challenge and Consult), it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the contents of the Report be noted, and generally agreed, in principle.

(b) **Survey and Feasibility Report**

A Survey and Feasibility Report on the Pavilion at Beach Gardens was submitted from the Operations Manager.

During the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed at the suggested limited life-span of the building (i.e. 5 to 10 years), although it was considered that with regular maintenance, this could probably be extended.

Councillor Pratt enquired as to the condition of the flat roof of the building and expressed the view that before any improvements were carried out to the interior of the building, the felt roof should be renewed, if necessary. It was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the Report be noted.

It was **FURTHER AGREED:-**

That the Operations Manager be requested to obtain quotations for the replacement of the felt roof on the Pavilion.

Consideration was then given to a request received from the Swanage Tennis Club for larger changing facilities and storage area, and improvements to the kitchen. The Club was offering to bear the cost of materials if the Council would provide the labour to carry out the works. Having regard to discussions held earlier in the Meeting, it was **AGREED:-**

That a joint Meeting be arranged with representatives of the Bowls and Tennis Clubs to consider future business strategy proposals, and ways of addressing the increasing financial burden in providing the facilities.

It was **FURTHER AGREED:-**

That the Bowls and Tennis Clubs be invited to submit any proposals to the joint meeting for consideration.

3. **ANY OTHER MATTERS THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

(a) Swanage Bay View Holiday Park

The Clerk updated Members on the refurbishment works at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, and the need to incorporate a sound system while the wiring/electrical works were being undertaken.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by the Town Mayor, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

To accept the estimate submitted by Swanage TV and Video Services in the sum of £3998.49 for the installation of a sound system at the Swanage Bay View Holiday Park, and that, in order to meet Disabled Discrimination Act standards of compliance, the system should also incorporate a loop system.

(b) Bank Mandate

The Clerk reported on a requirement to set up a Bank Mandate in respect of the following:-

King George's Field Trust
De Moulham Estate Trust
Swanage Transport Action Group

It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Suttle, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the Bank Mandate be approved.