

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held to discuss **POLICY AND RESOURCES**
matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 21st**
FEBRUARY 2005 at 9.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink
Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan
Councillor M.A. Tyrer

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

2. **JUSTICES' LICENCE**

(a) **The Globe Inn**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Globe Inn was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the licence.

(b) **Knapp Stores**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of Knapp Stores was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the licence

(c) **Vista Mini Market**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Vista Mini Market was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the licence

(d) **Hyperion Café**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence in respect of the Hyperion Café was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That no objection be raised to the transfer of the licence.

3. **SWANAGE REGATTA & CARNIVAL**

A letter dated 27th January 2005 was submitted from the Secretary of the Swanage Regatta and Carnival.

Before consideration of the matters contained therein, the Clerk reported that the request for the Royal Marines to do a Beach Assault on Wednesday, 3rd August 2005 had been withdrawn.

Consideration was then given to a request for permission to hold the final of the Supreme Team Contest on Saturday, 6th August 2005. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the matter be deferred to enable further information to be obtained.

4. **SWANAGE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

A letter dated 27th January 2005 was submitted on behalf of the Swanage United Reformed Church requesting permission for the following activities:-

(a) Easter Day – 27th March

An open-air service on the beach close to the new jetty at 6.00 a.m.

(b) Open-air “Songs of Praise” services in Prince Albert Gardens on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th July 2005.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O’Donovan, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the requests be approved.

5. **ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SWANAGE**

A letter dated 9th February 2005 was submitted from the Secretary of ACTS requesting permission to hold their annual “March of Witness” through the town on Good Friday, 25th March 2005, followed by a short ecumenical service in Prince Albert Gardens.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the requests be granted.

6. **NORTH BEACH CAR PARK**

A letter dated 8th February 2005 was submitted from the Dorset Wildlife Trust giving details of “The Hardy Hike” on 11th September 2005, and requesting that concessionary car parking be made available in North Beach Car Park for registered walkers and organisers of the event.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That North Beach Car Park be made available for use by the Dorset Wildlife Trust on Sunday, 11th September 2005, subject to the payment of the agreed sum of £100, and that the services of the Council’s Enforcement Officer be suspended at North Beach Car Park on that day.

7. **STONE QUAY**

A letter dated 10th February 2005 was submitted from the Secretary of the Swanage Sea Rowing Club requesting permission to hold a fundraising event, in connection with a beginners’ rowing afternoon, on the Stone Quay on Saturday, 26th February 2005.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O’Donovan, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be granted.

8. **SANDPIT FIELD**

A letter dated 3rd February 2005 was submitted from the Secretary of the 4th Swanage Scout Group requesting permission to hold their annual Mini Fete on Sandpit Field on Friday, 22nd July 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

Permission was also sought for the use of Main Beach Car Park as a starting point for a St. George's Day car treasure hunt on Saturday, 23rd April 2005 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the request be granted.

9. **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

(a) **South Purbeck Task Group**

Before consideration of this item, the Town Mayor and Councillor Mrs. Farrow declared their interest in the matter under the Model Code of Conduct, by reason of being members of the South Purbeck Task Group, and left the Meeting during the debate.

Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough assumed the Chair during the Town Mayor's absence.

A letter dated 4th February 2005 was submitted from the South Purbeck Task Group seeking a financial contribution towards the funding for pupils of the local schools to visit Streetwise in Bournemouth.

Following a brief discussion, during which the benefits of Streetwise were acknowledged, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £200.00 be donated.

(b) **Life Education Dorset**

A letter dated 9th February 2005 was submitted from Life Education Dorset outlining their work in delivering their health and drug prevention education programmes to primary aged children in Swanage, and seeking a financial contribution towards the cost of providing this service.

Discussion ensued, during which Members acknowledged the work of Life Education Dorset, but felt that this organisation should be encompassed under the umbrella of Dorset County Council.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That no action be taken in the matter.

10. **SWNAGE IN BLOOM**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough declared her interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being Chair of the Swanage in Bloom Committee, and left the Meeting during the debate.

The Town Mayor also declared his interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of the Mayoress serving on the Swanage in Bloom Committee, and also left the Meeting during the debate.

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Farrow assumes the Chair during consideration of this matter.

A letter dated 8th February 2005 was submitted from the Secretary of the Swanage in Bloom Committee outlining the amended rules for entry in the 2005 Regional Bloom competition, which included the requirement for a £100.00 entry fee.

It was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the sum of £100.00 be donated, under
Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

11. **ADVERTISING SIGN**

Further to Minute No. 3 (a) of the Swanage Town Market Committee Meeting held on 26th July 2004, details of the proposed sign were submitted from the Swanage Chamber of Trade & Commerce for consideration.

During the ensuing discussion, concern was expressed at the proposed size of the sign (8' x 4') and the possible location.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Agelink:-

That the proposed sign be approved, in principle.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Bright and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett:-

That the matter be deferred to enable further
information to be obtained.

Upon being put to the Meeting, FOUR Members voted IN FAVOUR of the AMENDMENT, and FOUR AGAINST, whereupon the Mayor used his casting vote against the Amendment.

The original proposition was then put to the Meeting, and declared NOT CARRIED, with TWO Members voting IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and SIX AGAINST.

A FURTHER PROPOSITION was then put forward by Councillor Bright, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow:-

That the sign be approved in principle, subject
to agreement regarding the size, positioning and
design.

Upon being put to the Meeting, FIVE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and ONE AGAINST, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

12. **CAR SHARE SCHEME**

A letter was submitted from Ms. Eve Craker giving details of the car share scheme operating in Dorset, and seeking the Town Council's support in promoting/publicising the scheme.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That a link on the website be made available
for carsharedorset.com.

13. **ANY OTHER MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

(a) **Recycling/Refuse Collection**

Councillor Bright drew attention to proposals that were scheduled to be discussed at Purbeck District Council on 22nd February 2005, regarding future refuse collection and recycling services within the district. These included the possible introduction of “wheelie bins”, and he was concerned at the impact these proposals would have on Swanage. His comments were endorsed by Councillor Mrs. O’Donovan, who felt that the Town Council should have been informed of the proposals, even though they were not an official consultee.

Following a lengthy discussion, during which the Town Mayor explained the District Council’s obligation to meet the government’s recycling targets, it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Clerk be authorised to send a letter to Purbeck District Council expressing the Council’s grave concern at the proposals.

(b) **Town Hall – Town Partnership Office Proposals**

Councillor Bright referred to Minute No.9 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 27th October 2004, and the refurbishment of the office accommodation in the Town Hall.

He was informed by the Town Clerk that a draft agreement was currently being prepared and would be submitted to the Council for consideration at its meeting on 28th February 2005.

(c) **Committee Room**

Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough drew attention to the new curtains that had been hung in the Committee Room, and expressed her appreciation of the time and work afforded by the Mayoress in making the curtains.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a letter of thanks be sent to the Mayoress, Mrs. Pam Miller.

14. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, and RESOLVED:-

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

15. **SEASONAL INCOME**

The Clerk submitted a statement of seasonal income and budget reports for the period to 31st January 2005, and the position was noted.

The Clerk then updated Members on legislation affecting VAT and advised that repayment of the sum of £64,445 was now likely to become liable. It was noted that, allowing for this sum, the overall total seasonal income figures exceeded the original estimate.

16. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

(a) Swanage Bay View Holiday Park

The Clerk updated Members on the refurbishment works at the Holiday Park,

Confirmation was given that the Official Opening of the new facilities would be 12 noon on Tuesday, 5th April 2005. The Mayor then invited all those present to adjourn for a site visit of the new facilities.
