

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004** at 7.15 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. W. Pratt  
Councillor G. M. Suttle  
Councillor W. S. Trite  
Councillor M. A. Tyrer  
Councillor Mrs. J. D. Wheeldon

The Mayor welcomed Capt. Ray Slater, from the Salvation Army, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

115. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the Meeting.

116. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. O' Donovan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to it being recorded that Councillor Mrs. Bartlett had presented an apology for her inability to attend the Meeting.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss Estimates and Seasonal

Charges on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (d) Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and  
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss planning and other matters on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2004, be approved as a correct record and signed.

- (e) Proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004, be approved as a correct record and signed.

117. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003 be accepted.

118. **SWANAGETOWN MARKET COMMITTEE**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Swanage Town Market Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

119. **CARAVAN PARK BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Best Value Working Group held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed.

120. **CARAVAN PARK BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP**

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

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Best Value Working Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004 be approved as a correct record

and signed.

121. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor reported that on Christmas Day, accompanied by Mr. George Willey, he had attended the Christmas Breakfast at the United Reform Church. They had then visited Swanage Hospital, and the elderly residents at Wordsworth House, Shore House, James Day Home, Cliff Tops and Westbury.

He was also pleased to announce that he had received a generous donation towards his Charity – "Play in Swanage" – from the Kings Church.

122. **TOURISM REPORT**

The Tourist Information Centre Manager reported on the following matters:-

- (a) Footfall figures at the Tourist Information Centre during January to date, were already 300 upon the corresponding period in 2003.
- (b) Approximately 15,500 Guides had been despatched during January in response to the Christmas advertising campaign.
- (c) Unfortunately, due to a change in National Express policy, the Tourist Information Centre no longer provided agency services for the company.
- (d) As part of "Purbeck Aware" month, and as an initiative towards the Blue Flag Award, a "Beach Awareness Week" was being held from 29<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2004. This would include static displays from the Coastguard and the RNLI, and notepads, pens etc. would be provided for the children by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
- (e) Finally, the Information Centre Manager referred to a display of Easter chickens (containing an Easter egg) that had been knitted and donated by Mrs. Hancock of Swanage. The chickens were on sale at £1.00 each, the proceeds from which would go to the Mayor's Charity – "Play in Swanage".  
The Town Mayor wished to record his personal thanks to Mrs. Hancock for her very kind gesture.

123. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

The General Manager reported that:-

- (a) The Holiday Park was now closed until 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004, although the bars and catering facilities would remain open during this period.

(b) Caravan sales were still buoyant, with four new units having been sold during the previous weekend.

- (c) A large number of enquiries for caravan hire were being received in response to the New Year advertising campaign, and it was hoped that this

was indicative of a busy summer season ahead.

124. **SEAFRONT GARDENS**

A letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004 was submitted from the Secretary of the Swanage Trefoil Guild, informing the Council that it is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Guild in 2005, and enquiring whether a floral display in the shape of the Trefoil badge could be planted in the seafront garden to commemorate the event.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
That the request be approved.

125. **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of her being a member of the Sailing Club, but as her interest was non-prejudicial, remained in the Meeting during the discussion.

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2004 was submitted from Swanage Sailing Club, notifying the Council of their plan to hold the Laser National Club Championship Event during the period 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June 2004, and requesting the use of Monkey Beach for the launching and recovery of sailing dinghies during the Event.

The Council's support and endorsement for a temporary road closure order affecting the Lower High Street and Encombe Road was also sought.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-  
That the requests be approved.

126. **ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH THE TOWN MAYOR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Meeting of the Caravan Park Best Value Working Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004, the Clerk reported that a draft tender document had been received from Leisure Concept. He had given careful consideration to the document, and was of the opinion that, subject to some minor alterations which he had scheduled, the tender document adequately covered the Council's requirements.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough and seconded by Councillor Bright:-

That the tender document be adopted.

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

(b) **Waste Recycling Plant**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Suttle declared his interest in the matter under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a client's business interest in the area, and as this was a prejudicial interest, left the Meeting during the discussion.

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon also declared her interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being the Chair of the PDC Planning Board, and as her interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the discussion. Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan referred to the proposals that were being mooted for the introduction of a waste recycling plant in the vicinity of the Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate. She appreciated that the proposals were in their infancy, but requested that further information be obtained. Her concerns were endorsed by other Members, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Trite, and  
**RESOLVED:-**

That Dorset County Council be requested to give presentation of the proposals to the Town Council.

(c) **Burlington Chine Toilets**

Before consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon declared her interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being Chair of the PDC Planning Board, and as her interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the discussion.

Further to Minute No. 2 of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and resources matters on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2003, the Clerk reported that plans for the refurbishment of the Burlington Chine toilets, together with the erection of five beach huts, had now been submitted to Purbeck District Council for approval, and the information was noted.

127. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of December 2003 were submitted for information.

128. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Bright, and  
**RESOLVED:-**

That the accounts specified in the Order on Treasurer Nos. 10, 10a, and 10b, amounting to £253,518.22, £30,156.48 and £59,012.57 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

129. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003  
(copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these  
Minutes.

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