

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2003 at 7.10 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink  
Councillor Mrs. C.A. Bartlett  
Councillor C.R. Bright  
Councillor Mrs. J.A. Farrow  
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough  
Councillor A.H. Miller  
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

Councillor Miller welcomed Revd. Perry, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

Before inviting nominations for the appointment of Town Mayor, Councillor Miller expressed his appreciation of the support given to him by his fellow Members during his term of Office, and made particular mention of the services provided by the Town Clerk and his staff at the Town Hall.

1. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Councillor Antony Henry Miller be appointed  
Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Miller made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was honoured to accept the appointment.

Mrs. Pamela Miller was appointed Mayoress, and before representing her with the official Badge of Office, Councillor Miller thanked his wife for her help and support during the past year.

COUNCILLOR MILLER IN THE CHAIR

2. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, seconded by Councillor Agelink and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was pleased to accept the position.

3. **APOLOGIES**

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

4. **MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett, and RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

That the notes on the Public Participation Time held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003 be accepted.

6. **REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS BODIES / COMMITTEES**

Before inviting nominations for representation on various Committees and organisations, the Town Mayor expressed the view that some Council Committees were too large and suggested that membership be restricted.

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

That each Committee should comprise of the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and no more than 5 Councillors.

**Caravan Park Committee**

Proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Tyrer:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Bright, Mrs. Farrow, Suttle, Trite and Mrs. Wheeldon be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

Councillor Mrs. Bartlett expressed her interest in serving on the Committee, and an AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan:-

That Councillor Mrs. Bartlett be appointed to the Committee.

This AMENDMENT failed to secure a seconder, whereupon the original Proposition was put to the Meeting, and DECLARED CARRIED, with 10 Members voting IN FAVOUR and TWO AGAINST.

(b) Boat Park Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Agelink, Bright, Mrs. Farrow, Pratt and Tyrer be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

(c) Tourism and Environmental Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon and seconded by Councillor Agelink:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Bright, Mrs. Farrow, Pratt, Suttle and Tyrer be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan expressed her interest in serving on the Committee, and an AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett-

That Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan be appointed to the Committee.

This AMENDMENT failed to secure a seconder, whereupon the original Proposition was put to the Meeting, and DECLARED CARRIED, with 10 Members voting IN FAVOUR and TWO AGAINST.

Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan felt strongly that she had earned a place on the Tourism Committee through her attendance and contributions during the past 4 years, and requested that her displeasure at the election process be recorded.

(d)

Tourism Working Party

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillors Miller and Suttle be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

(e)

Joint Staff Working Party

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

(f)

Cemetery Committee

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and

RESOLVED:-

That the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. O'Donovan, Tyrer and Mrs. Wheeldon be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan did not wish to serve on this Committee, and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Agelink be appointed to serve on the Committee.

(g)

Best Value Core Group

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Pratt, and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillors Bright, Mrs. Farrow and Miller be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

(h) Market Committee

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillors Bright, Mrs. Farrow, Pratt, Suttle and Tyrer be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan again wished to record her objection to the nomination process for the Committees, and the political innuendo, which she did not feel was democratic.

(i) Dorset Association of Larger Local Councils

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Bright, and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Pratt be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

(j)

Swanage Youth Centre

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Miller be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

(k)

Tithe Barn Museum

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Trite, and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillors Agelink and Mrs. Wheeldon be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon left the Meeting at this point.

(l)

Swanage Pier

Proposed by Councillor Pratt and seconded by Councillor Mrs.

Gainsborough:-

That Councillors Agelink and Mrs. Farrow be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Mrs. Bartlett:-

That Councillor Mrs. O'Donovan be nominated to represent the Council on the Swanage Pier Committee.

This AMENDMENT failed to secure a seconder. The original Proposition was then put to the Meeting and declared CARRIED, with TEN Members voting IN FAVOUR.

(m)

Arthur Marsh Memorial Hall

Proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Agelink, and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Suttle be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon returned to the Meeting at this point.

(n)

Citizens' Advice Bureau

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Farrow, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Pratt be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

(o)

Drug Reference Action Group

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs. Farrow be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

(p)

South Purbeck Crime and Disorder Task Group

Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Tyrer, and RESOLVED:-

That Councillors Mrs. Farrow and Miller be nominated to represent the Council on the above Committee.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Town Mayor reported that it was intended to hold the annual Civic Service at St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2003.

Councillor Trites suggested that civic dignitaries from other neighbouring authorities be invited to attend the Civic Service, and it was AGREED:-

That civic dignitaries from neighbouring authorities be invited to attend the Civic Service.

8. **TOURISM REPORT**

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

(a)

A mailshot campaign, advertising the forthcoming market, was shortly to be undertaken targeting the coach companies.

(b)

The Maritime and Coastguard had recently launched a national campaign "Sea Smart", aimed at reducing preventable accidents and deaths along the coastline. Pens, pencils, badges and other publicity material would be supplied for distribution during "Beach Awareness Week".

(c)

Copies of the "Purbeck Drinking and Eating Out" guide (produced by the Purbeck Tourism Group) were circulated for information. The publication would not be distributed to every household, as in previous years, but would be available at Tourist Information Centres and holiday accommodation providers.

(d)

Copies of the “Jurassic Coast” official guide were now available at the Tourist Information Centre – price £4.95.

9. **HOLIDAY PARK REPORT**

The Holiday Park Manager reported that April had been an excellent month at the Holiday Park, and made particular reference to the trading figures relating to the bar and catering functions.

The May Bank Holiday period had also been very busy, with caravan sales having already reached 75% of the target figures for the month.

10. **LICENCES**

(a) **Off-Licence – Ulwell Village Shop**

A Notice of Application for the Provisional Grant of an Off-Licence at the Ulwell Village Shop was submitted for consideration.

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

That no objection be raised to the provisional granting of the Off-Licence.

(b)

**Transfer of Justices’ Licence – Mamas Cuisine**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices’ Licence in respect of “Mamas Cuisine” was submitted for consideration.

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

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

Councillor Suttle declared a personal interest in the following matter under the Model Code of Conduct, by reason of the applicant being known personally in a professional capacity, and as his interest was prejudicial, left the Meeting during the discussion.

(c) **Transfer of Justices’ Licence – 26 Institute Road**

A Notice of Application for the transfer of the Justices’ Licence in respect of 26 Institute Road was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

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

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

There were no additional matters in need of urgent attention.

11. **METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS**

The meteorological records for the month of April 2003 were submitted.

12. **STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE**

The Clerk submitted a statement of cash balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2003 (copies having been circulated to all Councillors), a copy attached at end of these Minutes.

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