

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Swanage Town Council held to discuss **POLICY** matters at the Town Hall, Swanage on **FRIDAY, 29th MAY 2009** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M. Pratt (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor Mrs. G. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam

Also in attendance:-

Mrs. H. Henson	Jacobs & Reeves
Mr. K. Thomas	Fox Leisure
Mr. G.T. Thorne	Thornes

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present at the Meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bright and Hadley.

2. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Order Nos.67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following legal issues.

3. **HOLIDAY PARK DISPOSAL**

On the invitation of the Town Mayor, representations were received from Mrs. Helen Henson (Jacobs & Reeves Solicitors) and from Mr. Kelvin Thomas (Fox Leisure), who presented his report and detailing the bids received in respect of the disposal of the Holiday Park. (Copies had been circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting).

Following a lengthy and detailed discussion during which consideration was given to the Council's Value for Money policy and the recommendation received in the advice, it was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To proceed with the disposal of the Holiday Park with a preferred bidder.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To enter into an exclusivity agreement and a period of due diligence with the preferred bidder for a period of 20 working days.

Further discussion ensued, following which, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a limit of £25,000 be applied in respect of reciprocal costs incurred in the event of an abortive sale.

Members acknowledged the demands that would be placed upon the Town Clerk and support staff and instructed that until concluded this matter be given the highest priority.

The Meeting concluded at 11.00 a.m.
