

Minutes of the **SWANAGE SEAROWING CLUB**
WORKING GROUP held at the Town Hall, Swanage
on **THURSDAY, 23rd OCTOBER 2003** at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor H.J.F. Agelink
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor Mrs. H. O'Donovan
Councillor M.A. Tyrer

Also Present:-

Mr A. Leeson	Town Clerk
Mr M. Turnbull	Swanage Sea Rowing Club
Mr S. Collis	Swanage Sea Rowing Club
Mr N. Harris	Swanage Sea Rowing Club

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend were received from Cllr. Bright, Cllr. Suttle and Mr S. Williams.

2. **PROPOSALS**

The Clerk circulated copies of the letter received from Purbeck District Council in response to an application for a grant of permission to the outline proposals, in accordance with the terms of the agreement dated 27th June 2003.

A detailed discussion ensued regarding the content and the requirements that were needed to be satisfied in order for an "in principle" agreement to be granted. The Clerk clarified matters relating to covenants on the land concerning its future development, as well as the introduction of any income generating activities.

In response to a request to provide a scaled drawing showing the precise area and extent of encroachment into the area of Prince Albert Gardens, views were expressed that this would be minimal as the main development would be formed underneath the existing small car park. It was stated that any design would try to incorporate the Jurassic coast logo as the theme for any new pathway layout or hard standing area.

Councillor Mrs Gainsborough registered concern at the potential for the scheme to become a clubhouse, rather than merely a boathouse. Assurances were given by the Rowing Club representatives that the Club's members had been quite clear of the extent of the proposals. Mr Turnbull clarified the position by likening the facility to those provided at the Swanage Lifeboat station. It was AGREED:-

That it be noted, that the proposals included the provision of only a boathouse facility and would not form a social or recreational club facility.

Further discussion ensued in respect of specific details that would be anticipated. Suggestions regarding the planting regime, size and scope of borders, use of local stone, the style of the glazing, lighting and other aspects of the design.

With specific regard to the issues contained in the letter dated 23rd October 2003 received from Purbeck District Council, it was AGREED that:-

The Swanage Sea Rowing Club to supply a scaled drawing to show precisely how far the proposed boathouse encroaches beyond the end of the existing elevated car and what additional land would be required to facilitate the manoeuvring of the boats into and out of the building.

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That Swanage Town Council will respond to the specific questions of:-
The reduction in maintenance costs which may result, should the building go ahead and
Details of the rental income the Town Council will receive from the Sea Rowing Club for the proposed facility.

3. **FUNDING**

Mr Turnbull stated that the main funding stream identified for the project development was Sports Lottery. It was noted that no funding would be available until April 2004 and that the funding criteria was currently being re-assessed.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.
