

Minutes of the **SWANAGE SEA ROWING CLUB**
WORKING GROUP held at the Town Hall, Swanage
on **WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 2003** at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

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

Councillor Mrs C. Gainsborough

Councillor Mrs H. O'Donovan

Councillor M.A. Tyrer

Also Present:-

Mr M. Turnbull Swanage Sea Rowing Club

Mr S. Collis Swanage Sea Rowing Club

Mr N. Harris Swanage Sea Rowing Club

Mr S. Williams Swanage Sea Rowing Club

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Bright.

2. **PROPOSALS**

The Chairman outlined the Council's decision (Minute 2.28/8/2003 refers) "That no in principle agreement be granted but that a Working Group be formed to discuss and possibly formulate proposals, agreeable to the Town Council" Swanage Sea Rowing Club.

It was stressed that, in order for any proposal to be agreeable, it would also be necessary to conform to the provisions of the Agreement dated 27th June 1995 between Swanage Town Council and Purbeck District Council. Details of the Agreement were circulated and noted that as soon as any outline proposals become established that they be submitted for approval by the District Council.

Councillor Mrs Gainsborough stated her position was that she was not supportive of the general proposal to site a facility in the vicinity of Broad Road Car Park and Prince Albert Gardens. She enquired as to whether any consultation had been undertaken by the Club's Representatives for an alternative site. Mr Turnbull stated that the preferred location was as outlined and that, if agreement or approval could be obtained, he believed that there was scope for it to become a significant tourist attraction in addition to satisfying the large number of local club members. It was stressed that the Club's membership, approximately 180 at present, comprised of a significant proportion of female and young persons from Swanage. It was acknowledged that the Club's activities provided an activity of benefit to the local community and would comply with the Council's requirements under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

It was noted that the space required would need to satisfy the long-term aspirations of the Club. It was anticipated number of gigs needing to be accommodated was five.

3. **PLANS**

A range of site plans, photographic material and drawings were examined and discussed in the context of the scope, size, positioning and potential design criteria for any future proposals.

It was noted that the visual aspect would be very important.

During a lengthy discussion, Town Councillors were invited to express individual views with elements that they may wish to see included within any future design proposals.

The consensus view was that the developments should be predominantly under the area of the small car park. The Chairman highlighted the need to establish the feasibility of developing this option

and expressed the view that the scheme could enhance this area of the site.

The following actions were AGREED:-

i) The Club be asked to provide sketch design drawings and artistic impressions for consideration by the Town Council.

ii) The Club authorise the site investigation costs and for the Clerk to commission the works

It was further AGREED:-

That the matters arising from i) & ii) above be presented at the meeting of the Town Council on Monday, 29th September 2003.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 p.m.
