

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 27th JANUARY,**
2003 in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,
17 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Miller (Town Mayor) welcomed those present, and invited questions from the audience.

MR. J. WOODS referred to the Council's Final Accounts and the District Auditor's Report, with specific mention of the Council's loan debt.

The **TOWN CLERK** explained the reasons for the level of temporary borrowing, which had accumulated over a number of years. The money had been used for capital items, i.e. the purchase of Prince Albert Gardens, Forres Field and the building of the swimming pool at the Caravan Park, and, as such, had not been sanctioned for the particular schemes. The Clerk referred to the Council's commitment to reduce the temporary loan debt by £100,000 before March 2005, and confirmed that provision for this had been made in the Council's Estimates. Similar provision would be made in future years to honour the Council's obligation to discharge the debt by 2011.

The **TOWN MAYOR** also referred to the Council's decision to allocate the sum of £150,000 to the Repairs and Renewals Fund in order to increase and maintain its assets.

MR. C. BRIGHT reported on the compilation of the "Swanage Community Index", which was due to be launched on 1st February 2003. It was hoped to include every organisation that operates in the town, and, to date, over 220 names had been listed. The "Index" would be widely published, and any additional information would be welcome.

MISS. K. SPURLING drew attention to the Town Map at the station entrance, which was considerably out of date. She was informed by the **TOWN CLERK** that this would be addressed, when new car park signs had been received, and could be incorporated within the Map.
