



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Swanage Town & Community Partnership  
held at The Town Hall, Swanage on  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 @ 3.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Kim Gallagher, Chairman ST&CP  
Mike Bonfield, Vice Chairman ST&CP; Swanage Town Councillor  
John Bishop, Swanage Town Councillor  
Peter Bowyer, Studland Parish Councillor  
Robin Brasher, Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group; Swanage Walking Group  
Colin Brixton, CPRE; Photographic Society; Purbeck Society  
Bob Foster, Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust  
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Swanage Coastal Change Forum; Probus  
Judith Leyman, Swanage Library; Dorset County Council  
Sylvia Libicka, Swanage Chamber of Trade  
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust  
Bill Trite, Dorset County, Purbeck District, and Swanage Town Councillor  
Mike Whitwam, Purbeck District and Swanage Town Councillor

**Also in attendance:**

Sgt Barry Gosling, Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team  
PC Simon Colvin, Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

**1. Welcome and apologies**

In the absence of secretarial support for the meeting, it was agreed that Mrs Kim Gallagher would take the minutes of the meeting, and that Mike Bonfield would assume the Chair for the meeting. The Chairman welcomed all Partners.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Mo Andrews & Jean Gibbs (SADFC), David Bale (Mowlem Institute Charity), Sally Craig (St Mark's Primary School), Collete Ford (Swanage Children's Centre), Harriet Witt (Swanage Children's Centre), Neil Hardy (Swanage RNLI), and Canon John Wood (on behalf of Association of Churches Together in Swanage).

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Proposed by the Chairman that these were a true record, and agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

There were no matters raised.

#### **4. Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team**

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Sgt Barry Gosling and PC Simon Colvin to the meeting.

A presentation was given on the structure of the Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team, and it was explained that focus was being given to vulnerable people, the management of offenders, and community engagement. It was noted that Swanage had very low crime rates and had, in fact, experienced significantly less crimes this year, compared to last year. Rural area crime rates were also down 1.3%, and town centre crime levels were down 4.1%.

PC Colvin advised that the police now recorded every reported crime, so an increase had been seen in lower level incidents, however, there had been a 13% decrease in anti-social behaviour over the summer months. For young persons, a new 'three tier' system had been introduced, sending a letter to parents on a first offence, a visit made to the person's home on a second offence, and a final warning and a visit from the sergeant on a third offence.

Following a query on specific crimes, PC Colvin reported that there had recently been three dwelling burglaries, and five rural burglaries. There had also been a number of shoplifting incidents which had all been undertaken by the same person.

Problems experienced in the town regarding illegal and irresponsible parking were discussed, and the officers advised that the team continued to investigate reported incidents of poor driving, and regularly monitored vehicle speeds via the Dorset Safety Partnership, and cycling events.

For dates/details of the community engagement events held by the team, please visit the Purbeck Police Facebook page, or pop into the Town Hall Reception Office.

#### **5. Swanage 2027 Project (S2027)**

##### **a) Update on identified projects and priorities**

A copy of the Plan for 2017/18 had been provided to Partners, and brief updates were given on the following:

- **Community Land Trust** - Swanage Town Council would be establishing a working group which would meet before the end of the year.
- **Sea Defence Strategy** - SSE had advised that applications for funding had been greatly over-subscribed.
- **Traffic Flow - improvements and enhancements to the seafront and town centre** – it was reported that, due to financial constraints at Dorset County Council, priority was being given to the Institute Road improvements, and the draft proposals for Shore Road had been moved back.
- **Review of Conservation Areas and Local Listing** – it was reported that David Geary had given a presentation to the Purbeck Society, and was looking for volunteers and villages to take part.

##### **b) Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust update**

An update was given on The Centre. It was reported that operations were going well, with increased numbers of children and staff seen at Explorers, a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme running on alternate Tuesdays, Purbeck Runners on Wednesdays, SINC on Thursdays, and a new youth club for 11 to 13 year olds on Fridays was soon to commence. Further updates were given as follows:

- **Swanage Area Dementia Friendly Community** - following tireless and successful fundraising, the dementia friendly project had recently welcomed a new Admiral Nurse for Purbeck, Rachel Murray, which was to be congratulated.
- **Defibrillator Project** - it was reported that there were now seventeen fixed, two portable, and one spare, defibrillators in place.
- **Swanage Action for Refugees** - had housed and supported a Syrian Kurd family.
- **Art Workshop** - had set up a pain therapy workshop.

- **Link Visiting** – were currently befriending fifteen people, and had a place of welcome twice a week.
- **Swanage Volunteer Bureau** - had signposted over twenty five potential volunteers, and a fundraising co-ordinator had been found for the Trust.

The Trust's AGM was being held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at The Centre, all were welcome to attend.

**c) Swanage Town Council – update**

It was reported that during the winter the Town Council was refurbishing its toilets in Main Beach and Mermond Place car parks, Beach Gardens, and the Town Hall. The Council was also looking at the proliferation of advertising boards on pavements, and would be reviewing the situation with County Council representatives. Other updates were given as follows:

- **Dorset Local Government Re-organisation** – it was reported that a decision was still awaited, however, approval was likely to be given by the Secretary of State, which would see the Bournemouth and Poole Councils become one Unitary Council, and the remaining Councils in rural Dorset forming another, with Christchurch choosing which authority to join.
- **Clinical Services Review** - the Chairman advised that the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group had unanimously voted to approve the proposals for changes to local healthcare at the meeting of the Governing Body of NHS Dorset CCG held today.

**6. Any other business**

None.

**7. Provisional Date of next quarterly meeting**

The next Quarterly Meeting would be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at the Town Hall, Swanage, at 3.30 p.m.