

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2017** at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor M.P. Bonfield – Chairman

Councillor J. Bishop

Councillor C. Finch

Councillor G. Green

Councillor A. Harris

Councillor G.A. Marsh

Councillor S. Poultney

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

89. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Lejeune and Morris.

90. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 - 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

91. **REQUESTS FOR USE OF TOWN COUNCIL PROPERTY IN RELATION TO FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

(a) **Use of North Beach Car Park in relation to musical event at Day's Park Football Ground, 1st October 2017**

A request had been received from Sploosh Productions for the use of North Beach Car Park in connection with 'Swanfest', a music festival to be held at Day's Park Football Ground on Sunday 1st October 2017. This was being promoted as a fundraiser for Swanage and Herston Football Club.

Members expressed strong support for the Football Club, and were keen to ensure that any financial support that would be given by the waiving of car parking income for the event would directly benefit the Club.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Trite and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That North Beach Car Park be made available for use in conjunction with 'Swanfest' on 1st October 2017, subject to reaching suitable agreement regarding car parking charges, with delegated authority to determine the Council's position being granted to council officers in conjunction with the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Councillors Harris and Poultney.

(b) **Use of Broad Road Car Park in relation to Sea Rowing Regatta,
14th October 2017**

Consideration was given to a request from Swanage Sea Rowing Club for the storage of 16 trailers in Broad Road Car Park in connection with a super veterans class regatta on Saturday 14th October 2017. Permission was also sought for free launching of the gigs from the Boat Park slipway. Some concern was expressed regarding the number of spaces required in Broad Road Car Park and after further discussion it was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Poultney and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Sea Rowing Club be offered the use of Prince Albert Gardens for the storage of up to 16 trailers on Saturday 14th October 2017, together with free launching from the Boat Park slipway.

(c) **Use of Main Beach Car Park in relation to Cycling Event,
18th November 2017**

A request had been received from UK Cycling Events Ltd for the use of Main Beach Car Park in connection with the Purbeck Hill A Saurus Sportive on Saturday 18th November 2017. The request was for allocated parking only, as the event would be hosted at the Swanage School. During the debate concerns were raised over the impact of such events on the local road network, pedestrian safety and the environment. It was agreed that the event organisers be asked to take steps to prevent littering. It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Finch and RESOLVED:

That an area of no more than half the spaces in Main Beach Car Park be allocated for the use of the Purbeck Hill A Saurus on 18th November 2017, with standard car parking charges to apply.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the event organiser fund any additional costs incurred for the opening and closing of Main Beach car park public toilets on the 18th November.

92. **ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS**

There were no items of information or matters for forthcoming agendas to report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Green and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Order No. 1 c), in the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under items 93 and 94 by reason of commercial confidentiality.

93. **PROPOSED RELOCATION OF TOWN COUNCIL DEPOT – TO CONSIDER UPDATE FROM WORKING PARTY**

Further to minute 69 of the Monthly Meeting held on 31st July 2017, consideration was given to a briefing note providing an update on negotiations regarding the relocation of the Town Council Depot. During the debate it was noted that the Depot Relocation Working Party had recommended commissioning further valuation advice, although some concern was expressed that the Council should be wary of incurring significant professional fees at this time.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Finch:

That the recommendation of the Depot Relocation Working Party to commission further valuation advice, as set out in the briefing note circulated prior to the meeting, be approved.

Upon being put to the Meeting, EIGHT Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

94. **INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL BOWLING GREEN AT BEACH GARDENS – TO CONSIDER UPDATE FROM WORKING PARTY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF TENDERS**

Further to the receipt of tenders for the installation of an artificial bowling green at Beach Gardens, and improvement works to the surrounds, consideration was given to a briefing note circulated prior to the meeting, together with a letter from Swanage Bowling Club dated 4th September 2017.

It was AGREED:

That the Sports Facilities Working Party meet with the Bowling Club prior to the next Council Meeting, in order to further discuss the Club's financial contribution to the scheme.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.
