



Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

1st April 2014 @ 2.30pm

Swanage Town Hall

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Vice Chair STCP
Martin Ayres, Town Clerk STC and Treasurer STCP
Mo Andrews, POPP; Purbeck Good Neighbours
David Bale, Mowlem Theatre
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Swanage Coastal Change Forum
Mel Norris, Swanage Senior Forum; Jazz Festival; Museum
Mike Stollery, Purbeck Society; Town Twinning; Swanage Railway
Colin Brixton, Purbeck CPRE
Neil Hardy, Swanage Rotary; RNLI
Rebecca Martin, St Mark's Primary School
Davina Smith, PPG
Diane Bemand, Purbeck District Council
Steve Parker, Folk Festival
Collette Drayson, Education Swanage
Carl Styants, The Swanage School
Robin Brasher, Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group; Purbeck Transport Action Group
Brenda Enticknap, Purbeck NSPCC
Peter Clark, Cricket Club
Anneliese Fay, Swanage Youth Club
Bob Foster, Rotary; Governor, St Mark's School; Swanage Development Trust Interim Board
Rev John Wood, Association of Churches Together in Swanage
Karen Delahay, Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association

Also in attendance:

David Clements
Michael Pipe
Michelle Hobbs
Lesley Kennedy

1. **Welcome**

In the absence of the Chairman, KG welcomed all Partners to the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from the Town Mayor Ali Patrick, Dave Morton and Maggie Hardy.

3. **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 12th December 2013**

Proposed that these were a true record by Mel Norris, seconded by Bob Foster and agreed unanimously.

4. **Action Points from last meeting not covered in the Agenda**

None.

5. **Swanage Local Plan Consultation Update**

It was reported that the consultation had been successful. 8,000 SLP questionnaires had been printed and delivered to local residents. Response rate of circa 10% received (800) which was considered to be a positive result. The next phase of the Project will include workshops to be held, largely for/with specialists.

A detailed analysis of the responses will be available in May 2014 and will be placed on the PDC website at that time.

Some disappointment was noted that the focus of the SLP appeared to be on building and not on the wider issues such as renewable energy, public transport, waste, how to provide food etc.

However, representatives on the SLP Steering Group added that they were keen to ensure that wider issues are considered, and further workshops undertaken in this respect.

It was also noted that the projects have to be deliverable.

It was further added that PDC could test out future consultation material with the STCP and such material could better highlight the ability to send in written comments outside of the existing 'tick box' format.

6. **Swanage Development Trust**

It was reported that the Trust now exists as an incorporated body. It was noted that another Development Trust was discovered to be in existence (Purbeck Development Trust) and discussions were ongoing about a potential merger.

7. **Partners Updates**

The Mowlem - A summary of the content of the Annual Report 2012/2013 was reported, which included investment in the building and improved technology.

LICCO - Householders' Guide for North Swanage is to be distributed to residents in the area.

Jazz Festival - Good level of bookings advised for 25th Anniversary Festival from 11-13 July 2014.

Swanage Museum – Future options were being discussed.

Senior Forum – 'Fracking or not Fracking' meeting to be held Weds 9th April 2014.

The Purbeck Society – The Society is currently engaged in a number of local consultations and are looking for new committee members, for further information and details please contact Mike Stollery. The Society will also be issuing a new style newsletter in due course.

Town Twinning – There will be a visit to Rudesheim during June 2014 and a 'Beetle Drive' Event is being held on Saturday 12th April 2014.

The Swanage Railway – The Spring Steam Gala is being held on 5th & 6th April this year. 2013 was reported as being the railway's second best year carrying almost 211,000 passengers and was second only to the North Yorkshire Railway in terms of visitor numbers. Trial services to Wareham will commence from September 2015.

National Park – Still awaiting news from Natural England regarding the possible Purbeck Bid for National Park status.

Rotary – The Business Partners Scheme was being consolidated. Event being held over the Spring Bank Holiday.

RNLI – Consultation re: new boathouse finalised Friday 28th March 2014 and has now been passed to Purbeck District Planning Department. Start date advised of 1st November 2014. Fundraising now at the halfway stage.

Swanage Health Care – Heart Consultant will give a session/talk in coming days.

Swanage Hospital League of Friends – Fundraising ongoing.

SPHA – The Literary Festival was a big success and planning now in progress for 2015. Walking Festival to be held during September 2014. Annual General Meeting being held on 24th April 2014 which will be an 'open house'.

Education Swanage – A brief update was provided on DCA and Chalk & Cheese re: fundraising.

Purbeck Good Neighbours – 120 volunteers enlisted who will help with one-off jobs for the elderly.

POPP – Objective to help towns become 'dementia friendly communities'.

Swanage School – The school is now in its last week at the Harrow House location and will be moving to the new school building over the Easter weekend. There will be an 'open day' on Saturday 17th May from 12.00 – 5.00pm and this will include guided tours. The community will be able to hire the buildings and sports hall and bookings are already being taken. 160 pupils are currently registered, with a new intake of c50 pupils expected in September 2014.

IOP Model Railway Group – The Group meets at Furzebrook Village Hall, currently have low attendance rates and would welcome more members.

Purbeck Transport Action Group – Positive response received from bus companies re: the X43 service. Also, improvements made to Route 40 & 50 services. The Durlston bus will also be operating again this summer.

Walking Group – Approximately 100 members, generally over 50's.

NSPCC – NSPCC & Childline have merged. 'Go Green' in Dorset event on 23rd May 2014. Also working on fundraising with supermarkets and schools.

Youth Centre – Anneliese looking for supportive comments re: Youth Centre open access. Currently recruiting for a new Youth Support Worker and also a Volunteer.

Media training being arranged to develop website content and media production for group of young people.

'Job Club' held on a Tuesday morning from 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Anneliese reported that young people are concerned at the lack of Police presence especially at weekends. Concerns also held over the future of the Youth Club – focus may be shifting to work with individuals and families instead. **It was AGREED:-**

That the Town Partnership should write in support
of protecting the Youth Service.

Anneliese thanked members of the community for helping with redecoration over the Christmas period.

ACTS – Focus of churches on working with young people. Matt Hurley, Anglian Church Youth Worker. Also supporting the work of Impact, especially Friday nights.

STC – The Town Council gave updates on the following:

Seafront Stabilisation Scheme – progress report.

King George’s Playing Fields/Football Club – provision of new changing facilities.

Annual Parish Assembly – to be held at The Mowlem at 7pm Wednesday 9th April 2014.

Disposal of St Mark’s Playing Fields – STC will be objecting to the disposal of this land.

Increase in Sandbanks Ferry charges – STC will be objecting to these increases.

Coastal Change at North Beach –praise was given to the partnership of the Environment Agency and PDC for the clean-up operation after the landslips at North Beach.

8. **Any other business**

St Marks Playing Fields – an enquiry was made about whether St Mark’s Playing Fields were protected by covenants. **It was AGREED:-**

That an application would be made to Dorset County Council for a copy of the Title Deeds.

Karen Delahay gave an update re: the California Quarry drilling rig site. Further meeting to be held on 29th April 2014 to identify concerns of local residents.

9. **Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 2.30 p.m., Swanage Town Hall.
