

Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the
Swanage Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Swanage on **WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY 2013** at
2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney (Deputy Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor M. Bonfield
Councillor I. Brown
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor W.S. Trite
Councillor M. Whitwam
Councillor A. Wiggins

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

16. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Patrick (Town Mayor), Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Harris, Pratt and Suttle.

17. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

18. **SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL 2012/13**

In accordance with paragraph 4) 2) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011, a Report on the Findings of the System of Internal Control 2012/13 was submitted for consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Review of the System of Internal
Control 2012/13 be approved and accepted.

In accepting the Review of the System of Internal Control 2012/13, Members were pleased to note that the annual internal audit had not identified any significant control weaknesses for inclusion in the Council's Annual Governance Statement, and wished to record their appreciation of the Town Clerk and staff for the work undertaken in preparing the document.

19. **ANNUAL RETURN 2012/13**

(a) **Part 1 – Accounting Statements**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Accounting Statements be approved and
signed for submission to the Council's external auditor
with the Annual Return 2012/13.

(b) **Part 2 – Annual Governance Statement**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Brown, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Annual Governance Statement be approved
and signed.

20. **ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2012/13**

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Annual Treasury Report 2012/13 be
approved and accepted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Brown, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Orders Nos. 67 and 68, by
reason of the confidential nature of the business
to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest
that the press and public be excluded from the
Meeting during consideration of the following
matter.

21. **SEAFRONT STABILISATION SCHEME**

Further to discussion of revised proposals for the seafront stabilisation scheme at
the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 20th May 2013, and a subsequent meeting of
the Working Party, detailed and lengthy consideration was given to all aspects of the
proposals for the scheme.

In light of her position on Purbeck District Council's Planning Board, Councillor
Mrs Marsh put on record that her mind remained open in respect of any future planning
application related to the seafront stabilisation scheme.

A Briefing Note containing the recommendations of the Working Party, together
with details of the estimated costs, timescales and financial risks had been circulated to
all Members prior to the Meeting.

During the ensuing debate, concern was raised regarding the size and design of
the proposed kiosk structure on the corner of Shore Road and Victoria Avenue, and
Members acknowledged this concern during their deliberations. Consideration was also
given to the risks of the works over-running into the summer season of 2014. However,
in light of the positive response to the initial public consultation and the risks of
inaction, including the potential for significant land slippage, it was proposed by
Councillor Trite and seconded by Councillor Poultney:-

To confirm the original scheme as the Council's
preferred option (amended to include a number of
larger beach huts and additional stand alone toilet
block), noting the estimated increased construction
costs.

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

Councillor Brown declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by
reason of a family connection with the architect and left the Meeting prior to
consideration of the following item.

Further to Minute No. 3 of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 29th April
2013, it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To authorise the additional £1,750 of design fees
relating to the toilet block and its inclusion in the
planning application.

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney and seconded by Councillor Bonfield:-
To authorise Morgan Carey to undertake Stage 3 drawing work (detailed in the Briefing Note) to take the project through to the tender stage prior to the granting of planning consent (noting the treatment of this as specialist services within paragraph 11.1(a) of the Council's Financial Regulations).

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

22. **INTEMS OF INFORMATION AND MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDAS**

- (a) **Items of Information**
Arlingclose (Council's Treasury Management advisers) - Visit on Tuesday, 11th June at approximately 11 a.m.
- (b) **Item for Forthcoming Agenda**
Seasonal events – Effect on business of Council lessees.

The meeting concluded at 3.45 p.m.