

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
MONDAY, 10th JANUARY 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor W.S. Trite (Town Mayor) – Chairman

Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor M. Hadley
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor G.M. Suttle
Councillor A. Wiggins

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 21 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Presentation – Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Panel

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Ian Brown, Chairman of the PACT Panel, and invited him to explain the constitution and work of the Panel.

In making his Presentation, Mr. Brown explained that the PACT Panel consisted of representatives from Dorset Police, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, the Ambulance Service, Coastguard, Swanage Town Council, Pub Watch, and other local organisations. All organisations worked closely with each other for the benefit of the community and the safety of its residents, and the PACT Panel was often seen to act as a conduit in bringing issues to the attention of the appropriate authority.

Recent issues reported to the PACT Panel included:

- Parking in the Lower High Street.
- Speeding in the High Street.
- Football in the vicinity of the Mowlem on Shore Road.
- Incidents at the boat park, allotments, Swanage station and on the school buses.

Questions and comments were then invited from the audience, following which the Town Mayor thanked Mr. Brown for his informative Presentation.

Before opening the Meeting for Public Participation, the Town Mayor welcomed PC Dave Russell, and representatives from Dorset Police, to the Meeting.

PC Russell was retiring from the police force, and the Town Mayor was delighted to present him with an Achievement Award in recognition of the 21 years exceptional service he had given to the town. Tributes were also paid to PC Russell by the Purbeck Section Commander and his fellow colleagues in the local police force.

Public Participation Time

In the absence of a clergyman, Councillor Mrs. Marsh offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

The Town Mayor then opened the Council Meeting at 7.20 p.m.

132. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley, Pratt and Whitwam.

133. **FORMER COUNCILLOR AND TOWN MAYOR JAMES LEVER**

It was with great sadness that the Town Mayor reported on the death of former Councillor and Town Mayor, 'Jim' Lever, who passed away on 31st December 2010.

'Jim' served as a Town Councillor for 15 years (1976-1991), during which time he held the Office of Town Mayor for four years. The Town Mayor and Councillor Mrs. Marsh acknowledged his dedicated work to the town, following which those present stood in silent tribute to his memory.

134. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(b) Proposed by Councillor Hadley, seconded by Councillor Poultney, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 6th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

(c) Proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held to discuss policy and planning matters on 20th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

135. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 10th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations from the Committee for adoption by the Council.

136. **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and
RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Committee held on 13th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

There were no recommendations from the Committee for adoption by the Council.

137. **PLANS**

Councillor Mrs. Marsh did not vote on, or propose, or second any of the motions on the following planning applications, by reason of being a Member of the Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

Non Delegated Applications

6/2010/0809 **Ms K Spurling**

Erect rear extension; carry out alterations to roof and insert dormer window in south elevation, roof light in north elevation and first floor windows in east and west elevations; create rear garden terrace.

43 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Delegated Applications

Before consideration of the next item, Councillors Gloyn-Cox and Hadley declared their personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being members of the Sailing Club. As their interest was non-prejudicial, they remained in the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0792 **Swanage Sailing Club**

Erect single storey rear extension with balcony area above. Reposition existing external spiral staircase.

Swanage Sailing Club, Buck shore, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Before consideration of the next item, Councillors Bright, Gloyn-Cox and Suttle declared their personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being members of the National Trust. As their interest was non-prejudicial, they remained in the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0796 **The National Trust**

Installation of new windows in existing door openings; reinstatement of two formerly blocked door openings; construction of new boiler house; formation of one new window opening.

Currendon Farm Buildings, Studland.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0797 **Mr S Williams**

Demolish rear lean-to and erect single storey rear extension.

75A Ulwell Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0802 **Mrs G Bartlett**

Raise height of roof and insert dormer window in northern elevation and roof lights in southern and northern elevations to facilitate loft conversion. Insert first floor windows in eastern and western elevations.

16 Hill View Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2010/0807 **Mr B Harding**

Erect single storey rear extension and form rooms in roof with dormer windows and rear balcony. Demolish and replace garage.
20 Hill Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

6/2010/0810 **Mr M Binns**

Demolish store at rear and erect replacement utility and WC. Replace plastic roof at rear with insulated felt roof.
15 Osborne Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0812 **Mr R Plowman**

Insert roof lights and dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion.
14 Richmond Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

6/2010/0813 **Mr M Storer**

CONSERVATION AREA Partial demolition of existing canopy.
Old Stone Quay, 1 High Street, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: Recommend deferral.

Before consideration of the next item, the Town Mayor and Councillor Poultney declared their personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an acquaintance of the applicant. As their interest was non-prejudicial, they remained in the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0820 **Mr & Mrs Lovell**

Demolition of existing dwellings and development of land as three houses with garages; create new pedestrian and vehicular access.
51 and 53 Bay Crescent, Swanage.

OBSERVATION:

6/2010/0824 **Mr G Ware**

Erect timber decking.
Plot 32, Ulwell Farm Caravan Park, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection.

Before consideration of the next item, the Town Mayor declared his personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of being an acquaintance of the applicant. As his interest was non-prejudicial, he remained in the Meeting during the debate.

6/2010/0782 **Mrs M Chinchen**

Erect two storey rear extension.
25 South Road, Swanage.

OBSERVATION: No objection, subject to there being no overlooking of neighbouring properties.

138. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on the following events he had attended during the past

month on behalf of the Town of Swanage:-

- (a) The Chairman of West Dorset District Council's Carol Service held at Bridport.
- (b) The Swanage Town Carol Service held at St. Mary's Parish Church.
He was delighted to announce that the Revd. Wood had pledged that the proceeds from the Carol Service would be donated to the Mayor's Charities.
- (c) The Annual Christmas Breakfast held on Christmas morning at the United Reformed Church Hall.
He wished to commend the sterling work undertaken by the Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club in organising such an enjoyable event.

139. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Further to Minute No.101 of the Council Meeting held on 1st November 2010, the Town Mayor reported on nominations received for submission to Purbeck District Council for the 'Volunteer of the Year' award for Swanage. The nominations were unanimous in their support of one particular person who had given outstanding service to the community.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Marsh, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That Mrs. Linda Welsh be nominated for the 'Volunteer of the Year' award in recognition of her sterling work to the community over many years through the Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee.

140. **SWANAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

A letter was submitted from the Swanage Museum Committee inviting Council representation on the Committee.

Following a brief discussion, during which it was noted that appointments to outside bodies were usually considered annually in May, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Councillor Bright, and **RESOLVED with ONE ABSTENTION:-**

That the matter be deferred to enable further information regarding the frequency and venue of meetings to be obtained.

141. **PURBECK ARTS FESTIVAL**

A letter dated 5th November 2010 was submitted from the Chairman of the Purbeck Arts Festival requesting permission to stage an event in the Council Chamber during the Festival Week, 21st May to 5th June 2011.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Hadley, and **RESOLVED:-**

That the request be agreed in principle, subject to further information regarding the event, and strict adherence to fire and safety regulations.

142. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

Consideration was given to a Report received from Dorset County Council on the draft 2011-12 budget strategy and proposals for addressing the budget deficit.

During the ensuing discussion, it was suggested that Members focus on the provision of services that are currently provided by Dorset County Council and are considered to be of paramount importance to Swanage and its residents.

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That Members submit their comments to the Town Clerk to enable him to formulate a response on behalf of the Town Council prior to the DCC Cabinet Meeting on 2nd February

Attention was also drawn to the proposed changes in the street lighting policy, which would lead to nearly all lights in both urban and rural residential areas being switched off between midnight and early morning, and also to the proposed changes to the level of library services provided.

Concerns were also expressed regarding the retention of day centres, the possible withdrawal of the subsidy for transport for those attending day centres for older people, and possible changes affecting the travel token concessions. A press release relating to the travel token concessions was considered to be unclear, and the importance of retaining the present rail warrants and taxi tokens was highlighted.

143. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Gloyn-Cox updated those present on a recent meeting of the ‘tender’ group held to consider the future options for James Day Home.

144. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

There were no delegated matters to report at the present time.

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

- (a) An event, hosted by the Dorset Coast Forum, was scheduled to be held at Swanage Middle School on Tuesday, 1st February 2011 at 7 pm.
- (b) It was reported that a date had not yet been determined for the next meeting of the Swanage Town and Community Partnership.

146. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Further to Minute No. 12 of the Policy and Planning Meeting held on 20th December 2010, the Town Clerk reported that the sum of £2 million had been invested in the CCLA Local Authorities Property Fund, and the sum of £1.5 million had been invested with Barclays for a one year term at an interest rate of 1.8%.

£500,000 remained on deposit in a money market fund to enable liquidity, if required.

147. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, 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 matters.

148. **LEGAL ISSUES**

(a) **Swanage Bay View Holiday Park**

i) **Business Sale Agreement**

The Town Clerk reported on a “Without Prejudice” meeting held with the Town Mayor and a representative of Darwin Holiday Parks earlier that day.

ii) **Caravan Sales Commission**

The Town Clerk updated Members on a matter relating to caravan sales commission, which had been referred to the Council’s legal advisers.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

