

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BOATPARK**  
**BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP** held at the  
**Town Hall, Swanage** on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2002**  
at 11.15am.

Present:-

Councillor A.H. Miller – Chairman.

Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh

Also in attendance:-

Miss S. Goodwin

Staff Representative (from 11.55am)

A.J. Leeson

Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Suttle and Mrs Wheeldon and Mr A Lander (Chairman of Swanage Fishermen's Association).

2. **REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS – SITE VISIT**

Following the site meeting held with representative of the RNLI prior to the Meeting of the Boat Park Best Value Working Group earlier on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2002, the following matters were noted.

1. Car Parking

The Working Group recorded the matters from the site meeting concerning the boat park.

a) The use of the designated area, at the rear of the fishermen's huts, was confirmed as being for the exclusive use of RNLI personnel only. Clarification was given, re-affirming the use of the spaces for duty personnel.

The problems associated with the increased volume of spectators, during emergency situations was noted and would be monitored by the RNLI during call-outs, in order to avoid congestion.

b) An offer by the RNLI to provide a pager to the Boat Park Attendant was noted. It was appreciated that this would provide early warning for the benefit of controlling access during emergency calls.

A proposal for the use of western section of the Boat Park during emergencies was accepted.

c) The general use of the Boat Park for emergency parking was noted as being permitted, provided that keys are deposited with the duty officer. This arrangement would be necessary in cases where call-outs become prolonged.

2. CCTV

Proposals to install closed circuit television at the Boat Park were discussed.

a) Permission to site a CCTV camera on the RNLI building was sought with their representatives. The RNLI policy not to support the use of CCTV was noted. It was suggested that a request be submitted in writing seeking co-operation in this matter.

b) It was noted that representatives of the Fishermen's Association were to consider this matter at their impending meeting.

### 3. FISHERMENS ASSOCIATION

a) Stone Groyne

Mr Barrett, acting as representative for the Fishermen's Association during the site visit, referred to Minute 2.11 of the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2002. Following clarification of the likely timescale involved for the replacement of the stone groyne, adjacent to the boat haul area, it was suggested that the remedial repairs may be undertaken by members of the Association.

b) Storage of Dinghies

It was recommended that a chain be linked between the proposed boat rings, when they are installed.

### 4. ANGLING CLUB

a) Cleats

In recognition of the proposal to install cleats on the western jetty, the angling club requested that consideration be given to installing cleats on the eastern jetty used by the members of the angling club and the general public. It was noted that an offer of assistance may be forthcoming.

### 5. GENERAL

a) Obsolete Pipes

It was noted that pipes left by Wessex Water were still deposited in the area of the Fishermen's boat haul area. It was agreed that if noise could be found, that Wessex Water be requested to dispose of the obsolete pipes.

### 6. FISHERMENS HUTS

a) Site Inspection

The observation from an inspection of a typical fishermen's hut were noted.

It was further noted that the provision of electricity had been greatly appreciated by the fishermen.

## 4. **GENERAL ISSUES**

### 1. Entitlement to Launch

The staff representative highlighted an issue raised by a fisherman regarding an entitlement to launch free of charge.

After a brief discussion it was confirmed that no entitlement existed for users, other than those paying to store their boat in the Boat Park.

2.

**Bad Debts**

The Chairman enquired as to the regularity and frequency of payments of rents for the Fishermens Huts. The staff representative reported that some debts were outstanding, despite frequent reminders.

After a brief discussion, it was AGREED:-

To refer the general matter of payment of accounts to a meeting of Policy & Resources for consideration

3. **Impounding of Boats**

Reference was made to an earlier decision to use wheel clampsto impound unauthorised boat trailers. The need to clarify the Council's policy with regard to impounding and disposal of unclaimed boats was required.

After a short discussion, it was AGREED:-

All boats impounded and unclaimed after 28 days be advertised for sale by tender.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2002 at 9.30am at the Town Hall.

The meeting was closed at 1.05pm.

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