

## **Beach Management Advisory Committee Meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **Agenda Item 5) Proposal for the installation of a Litter-Free Purbeck beach hut for storage**

#### **Background**

Litter-Free Purbeck's beach clean group, the Swanage Beach Buddies, has been organising beach cleans on the south and central beaches since 2017. Its beach cleans include regular ones for volunteers and special ones for local schools, including St. Mark's and St. Mary's Primary Schools, The Swanage School, and St. George's Primary School, Langton Matravers.

For two winters, Swanage Town Council has provided out of season storage in an upper tier beach hut for Swanage Beach Buddies' equipment (litter pickers, first aid kit, high vis jackets etc.) that has been invaluable to the group. During the summer season, however, the group has had to store equipment out of Swanage and transport it to and fro between Langton and Swanage, which is dirty, costly and inconvenient, particularly when Shore Road is closed.

So that the group can have a year-round convenient base for its beach activities, it is proposed to allow Litter-free Purbeck to site an attractive beach hut in the north west corner of the hardstanding in Shore Road, effectively continuing the building line of the Information Centre – see appendix 1 for map. This can be used for shelter, storage, as a safe assembly point for volunteers, and base for events – effectively 'Beach Clean Central' from where the Litter-Free message can be transmitted in a highly positive way.



#### **Beach Hut**

A traditional beach hut design provided by Woodman Supplies of Christchurch, with the robust specification required by Bournemouth and Poole Councils, but with PVC elements (gable fascia) replaced by wood. It is proposed that the hut would be oriented south to give it shelter from the wind.

The design has a drop down shutter for added security (to be supplied in painted ply) with a hinged front platform that can be pulled up, or left down. The shutter props onto the double doors to provide further shelter. It is secured with three padlocks. The paint colour could either be the standard pale blue, or the seafront's navy blue. It is intended that the Litter-Free Purbeck 'Let's Make Purbeck Litter-Free' logo features either on the side or front of the hut, and that a good quality glazed (Perspex) noticeboard is fitted to one side so that beach clean schedules can be posted.

Dimensions: 6ft x 6ft, increasing to a 6ft x 9ft footprint with the front platform lowered.

## **Cost**

The cost, including insurance and maintenance of the hut, will be paid for by Litter-Free Purbeck through grant funding. Swanage Town Council will be required to construct a solid base for the hut.

Funding for the hut has been secured and, if approved, the hut could be in place by mid-July.

This will enable Litter-Free Purbeck to have a very attractive and practical year-round base for its activities and will support the group's work significantly. The group is established and popular, and does very helpful work in combatting litter in Swanage.

## **Recommendation**

That the Town Council approves the construction of a solid base and the erection of a beach hut by Litter-Free Purbeck on the grassed area as set out in the map attached as Appendix 1.

Litter-Free Purbeck will retain responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the beach hut, which will be expected to be of a high standard, along with appropriate insurance.

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**Appendix 1**

**Map of Beach Hut location on grassed area by Swanage Information Centre**

