



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held at The Town Hall, Swanage on
WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2018 @ 2.15 p.m.**

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chair ST&CP
Councillor Mike Bonfield, Swanage Town Council and Vice Chair ST&CP
John Bishop, Swanage Town Council
Colin Brixton, CPRE Group; Photographic Society
Peter Bowyer, Studland Parish Council
Niki Clark, Management Support Officer, Swanage Town Council
Tom Clarke, National Trust
Bob Foster, Swanage Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Swanage Coastal Change Forum; Probus 2
Neil Hardy, Swanage RNLI
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre
Sarah Spurling, Litter Free Coast & Sea
Mike Whitwam, Purbeck District and Swanage Town Councils

Also in attendance:

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Mrs Kim Gallagher, welcomed all Partners to the meeting.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Mrs Mo Andrews (SADFC), Mr Robin Brasher (Town Twinning/IOP Model Railway), Mr Peter Clark (Swanage Cricket Club), Mrs Jude Evans (Help and Care), Councillor Gail Green (STC), Mrs Maggie Hardy (Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership), Mr Tristram Hobson (The Swanage School), Mrs Sylvia Libicka (Chamber of Trade), Mrs Jan Turnbull (Friends of Swanage Hospital), and Councillor Bill Trite (DCC/PDC/STC).

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th July 2018

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

3. Matters arising

- **Swanage Local Listing Project** – it was reported that the Purbeck Society would be giving a presentation on its Local Listing Project at the December 2018 meeting.
- **'Refill your water bottle here for free' initiative** – it was reported that this matter would be discussed at the Council's next Tourism Committee Meeting. Proposals included publicising the free water bottle refill scheme via posters, stickers, and engagement with local businesses, to encourage involvement and raise public awareness of the scheme. Litter Free Coast & Sea also supported the scheme and were keen to be involved in any initiatives.

4. Litter Free Coast and Sea, Swanage ‘Love Our Beach’ Project – presentation from Mrs Sarah Spurling, Project Officer

The Chair welcomed and introduced Mrs Sarah Spurling to the meeting. A Briefing Note prepared by Mrs Spurling had been provided to Partners for information purposes.

Mrs Spurling then gave a presentation on the Swanage ‘Love Our Beach’ Project, and her role as Project Officer. The project had received funding for a period of two years, until January 2020, the main aim of which was to help improve and maintain bathing water quality in Swanage, with a focus on the reduction of fats, oils and greases in the drain network, and reduction in coastal litter. A project launch event would be held at The Swanage School on 3rd November 2018 to raise awareness of this important initiative. An interactive display was also planned in the Swanage Information Centre.

The Chair gave thanks to Mrs Spurling for the informative presentation, and for taking the time to answer Partners’ questions. It was noted that if anyone had any further questions for Mrs Spurling, she could be contacted by email at: LitterFreeCoastSea@dorsetcc.gov.uk

For further information, please visit: <http://www.litterfreecoastandsea.co.uk/dorset/> or <https://www.facebook.com/LitterFreeCoastandSea/>

5. Swanage2027 Project (S2027)

a) Update on identified projects and priorities

A copy of the updated list of S2027 priorities for 2018/19 was provided to Partners. A review of the list of priorities had been undertaken, and updates were provided on each project (highlighted in green on the list). The following matters were also reported:

- **Sea Defence Strategy** – the Environment Agency had undertaken x-rays of the sea wall, and research was ongoing.
- **Transport links and traffic flow improvements** – the Council’s Traffic Flow Working Party would be meeting with business owners and residents from Institute Road and Station Road, and representatives from the emergency services, this evening to obtain feedback on the revised draft proposals for the Institute Road improvement scheme.
- **Caring Swanage** – discussions were ongoing between the Council, DCC, PDC, and S&PDT, and a meeting would be held to discuss proposals for future health and wellbeing services in the community at the end of October 2018.
- **Multi-Function Centre** – draft heads of terms were being drawn up, and it was reported that a specialist architect would be commissioned to draw up plans/a design brief in due course.
- **Swanage Bandstand** – it was anticipated that tenders would be issued next week.
- **Community bus/transport** – interest had been received from the Swanage Hospital League of Friends. It was noted that Mr Peter Bowyer would circulate a report to Partners regarding proposals for a wider range of community transport initiatives when it became available.
- **A-Boards** – the Community Highways Team Leader would be attending the Council’s Transport Committee Meeting on 29th November 2018 to discuss concerns raised regarding the increase in A-boards, displays, and tables and chairs, in the town centre.
- **Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy** – a meeting would be held on 6th November 2018 to discuss next steps/an action plan, the outcome of which would be reported back to a future meeting. Partners could review a copy of the adopted SGIS via the following link: <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/purbeck/guidance-and-supplementary-planning-documents/supplementary-planning-documents-statement-of-community-involvement-and-local-development-scheme.aspx>

b) Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust – update

It was reported that to date ten projects had become Trust Members, and further new projects were currently being discussed. The Trust had also been approached by other communities for advice regarding the process for setting up a Development Trust, and asset transfers.

Updates were given as follows:

- **The Centre** – it was reported that the reroofing works had been successfully completed, and that there were only some minor repairs left to undertake.
- **Herston Village Hall** – it was reported that a draft Business Plan had been prepared, which included a refurbishment project for the hall. Community events were planned to raise awareness of the project. A Christmas Fair was being held at the hall on Saturday 1st December 2018, from 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

c) **Swanage Town Council (STC) – update**

Updates were given as follows:

- **Boat Park slipway improvements/new winch** – the grant application which had been submitted to the European Maritime Fisheries Fund had been successful, and the improvement works had commenced. It was hoped that the works would be completed by mid-December 2018.
- **Relocation of Council Depot** – the Operations Department was currently in the process of relocating to its new premises in Prospect Business Park.
- **Transfer of assets from DCC/PDC** – it was reported that Heads of Terms for the former St Mark's Primary School Playing Fields had now been agreed for a new 21-year lease. Discussions with PDC regarding the Museum and Heritage Centre and adjoining toilets were still ongoing. It was hoped that these would be completed before 31st March 2019.
- **Swanage Town Council Community Awards Scheme** – proposals for a new community awards scheme would be considered at the next Monthly Council Meeting being held on Monday 29th October 2018.

6. Updates

- a) **Sandbanks Ferry – Proposed increase in ferry tolls – Public Inquiry** – it was reported that the Public Inquiry had been well attended, and an overview of proceedings was given. Six local councils had worked together to object to the proposed increases, and a barrister had been employed to present the case. The Secretary of State's decision on the Toll Application was now awaited.
- b) **Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034)** – consultation on the Pre-submission publication draft plan would open on 22nd October 2018 and run until 3rd December 2018. From 22nd October 2018 the draft plan, supporting documentation, and an online response form could be found at: dorsetforyou.gov.uk/Purbeck-local-plan-presubmission

7. Member Organisations – updates

Studland Parish Council (SPC)

It was reported that the fingerpost (near to St Nicholas' Church) would be refurbished/replaced in due course.

National Park Proposal – an update was given, and it was noted that a new independent review panel had been set up. It was reported that undertaking a review was one of the key commitments of the Government's '25-Year Environment Plan'. Mr Julian Glover, a journalist/writer, would lead the review, and a report on the panel's findings was anticipated during 2019.

Swanage RNLI – an update was given on operations at the new station, which had now been up and running for 18 months. It was reported that the station had welcomed thousands of visitors through its doors since opening, and to view the new lifeboat, and was considered to be a 'success story'.

Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre – it was reported that a record number of visitors had been welcomed at the Museum this year, and retail sales were circa 10% up on last year. It was proposed to reconvene meetings of the Heritage Group (Museum, Pier, Durlston Country Park, and Railway).

The Council's Visitor Services Manager had offered assistance, and a meeting would be held in November 2018 to discuss next steps.

National Trust – the Trust was working in partnership with DCC, Dorset Wildlife Trust, and the RSPB to improve visitor experience in the Studland and Corfe Castle areas, particularly at 'honeypot sites', and were also discussing ways in which to encourage visitors to stay in the area.

8. Any other business

Swanage Jazz Festival – it was reported that, following the announcement that the organiser of this year's festival would be unable to continue with next year's event, a meeting had been arranged in Tawny's Wine Bar, Swanage, on 14th November 2018, and an invitation had been extended to any members of the community who would be interested in continuing to hold a festival and take this forward in 2019.

An evening of stories and song - would be held in the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, on Friday 9th November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in commemoration of the First World War, and the 99 brave lost souls from Swanage.

The Swanage Forum Meeting – Emmanuel Baptist Church, all welcome.

11 Days of Remembrance in Swanage – an update and reminder was given on the planned 'Battle's Over' First World War Centenary commemoration events from 1st to 11th November 2018.

The Veterans' Forge – 99 poppies were being made, and assistance was required with the painting of the poppies. Interested parties should contact Councillor Mike Bonfield accordingly.

War Memorial Commemoration Service 11th November 2018 - a reminder was given to meet at the War Memorial at 5.45 a.m. for 'pipers at dawn'. The evening parade, laying of wreaths, and service, would commence at 6.00 p.m. followed by the lighting of the beacon at 7.00 p.m. An invitation to the events was extended to all.

Purbeck Transport Action Group – it was reported that the No. 40 bus service would continue at present, however, Partners were reminded of the 'use it or lose it' slogan.

9. Provisional Date of Next Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday 19th December 2018 at the Town Hall, Swanage, at 2.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.
