

Minutes of the **MONTHLY MEETING** of the Swanage  
Town Council held at the Town Hall, Swanage on  
**MONDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2016** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor S. Poultney – Chairman

Councillor J.M. Bishop

Councillor C. Finch

Councillor G. Green

Councillor A. Harris

Councillor A. Lejeune

Councillor G.A. Marsh

Councillor T.J. Morris

Councillor G.M. Suttle

Councillor W.S. Trite

Councillor M. Whitwam

In addition to Members of the Council and officers, 11 members of the public attended the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Revd Andrew Corke, who offered a short prayer before the commencement of the Meeting.

**Public Participation Time**

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Sanctuary Retirement Living Service Review - Proposed reduction/withdrawal of the warden service currently provided at Burr Stone Mead (sheltered housing), and the alternative offer of two levels of service for residents at an additional charge.

The Mayor opened the Council Meeting at 7.10 p.m.

237. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Bonfield.

238. **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, and requests for Grants of Dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

**Agenda Item No. 9** – Councillor Marsh declared her interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being in receipt of an RNLI pension.

239. **MINUTES**

(a) Proposed by Councillor Morris, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to Minute No.225 being amended to read:

The Mayor reported that, together with Councillor Mrs Marsh, he would attend the Presentation Evening for 'Volunteer of the Year' on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at Purbeck District Council when Mrs Jean Gibbs would be presented with an award for her sterling work with the Swanage Area Dementia Community.

240. **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the Minutes:-

**Review of Town Council's policy in respect of planning applications in which it has an interest as a corporate body**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Green, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Town Council authorises the procedural change that in future all planning applications are considered by the Planning and Consultation Committee, apart from in exceptional circumstances.

241. **TOURISM COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Finch, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tourism Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

Consideration was given to the following recommendation contained in the Minutes:-

**Tourist Information Centre (TIC) – Consideration of new art work for stationery**

**To recommend:**

That the Town Council approve Option 2 of the draft branding options, subject to confirmation that Ballard Down can be included on the smaller icons.

Further discussion ensued regarding the new art work for stationery, during which it was acknowledged that the 'i' depicted in Option 1 was universally recognised in the tourist trade. It was reported that Ballard Down could be included on all icons.

Having regard to the above, it was proposed by Councillor Finch and seconded by Councillor Suttle:-

That the Town Council approve Option 1 of the draft branding options.

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

242. **RNLI LIFEGUARD COVER**

Further to Minute No. 228 of the Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, and a subsequent meeting held between the Town Clerk, Operations Manager and representatives of the RNLI lifeguarding service, consideration was again given to the introduction of RNLI lifeguards on Swanage Beach for the 2016 summer season.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Trite, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To appoint the RNLI to provide lifeguarding services on Swanage Beach for the forthcoming 2016 summer season, with delegated authority being given to the Town Clerk and Operations Manager to confirm final arrangements.

243. **BUDGET MONITORING**

(a) **Statement of Cash Balance**

A Statement of Cash Balance as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 was submitted for information (a copy attached at end of these Minutes).

244. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Trite, seconded by Councillor Bishop, and RESOLVED:-

That the accounts specified in the Orders on Treasurer Nos. 12 and 12a, amounting to £53,819.37 and £28,822.24 respectively be paid, and that cheques be drawn therefor.

245. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following events during the past month:-

- A Presentation Evening for 'Volunteer of the Year' on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at Purbeck District Council, when Mrs Jean Gibbs had been presented with an award for her sterling work with the Swanage Area Dementia Community.
- A Commonwealth Flag Raising Ceremony at Westport House, Wareham on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

246. **GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2016/17**

Consideration was given to the following request received for grants and donations under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Swanage Pier Trust**

Proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Councillor Finch:-

That the sum of £250 be donated towards the cost of the 'black powder' fee for the Swanage Pirate Festival 2016.

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

247. **YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT**

Councillor Bishop gave a brief update on matters relating to the Youth and Community Centre project, and reported that a comprehensive business plan had been prepared by the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust for submission to Dorset County Council prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> March deadline.

248. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

There were no matters to report from Council representatives on outside organisations at the present time.

249. **REPORTING OF DELEGATED MATTERS**

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

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

(a) **Items of Information**

- i) Beacon lighting and event to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Durlston Castle on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.
- ii) Annual Parish Meeting to be held at the Swanage Youth and Community Centre at 7 p.m. on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
- iii) Potential reduction/withdrawal of warden service at Burr Stone Mead.
- iv) Installation of a 'SID' traffic device on the A351 in the vicinity of St. Marks/The Swanage School.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Morris, and  
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Order No. 1) c), in the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under agenda item 14, (in relation to the financial and business affairs of third parties).

251. **MONKEY BEACH BOAT CONCESSION**

Consideration was given to tenders received for a licence to operate a boat concession in the vicinity of Monkey Beach.

Following discussion and having regard to the quality of the business proposal, relevant experience and the licence fee offered, it was proposed by Councillor Suttle, seconded by Councillor Bishop, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a licence to operate a boat concession in the vicinity of Monkey Beach be offered to Mr Steve Hill for a period of four years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, with delegated authority given to the Town Clerk to finalise agreement of the remaining licence terms with a staged increase in the licence fee over that period.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.