

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BEACH MANAGEMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE** held at the **TOWN HALL, SWANAGE**
on **WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2014** at **2.15 p.m.**

In Attendance: Councillor Bonfield – Chairman
Councillor Mrs Marsh
Councillor Mrs Patrick
Councillor Tritte

Ms R Compton – Ocean Bay Watersports
Mr J Deare – North Beach Representative
Mr R Johnson – Swanage Pier
Mr J Taylor – Pierhead Watersports Byelaw Enforcement
Mr D Turnbull – Swanage Lifeboat Station
Mr M Slater – Swanage Boat Hire
Mr B Wallbridge – Durlston Country Park
Mr C Wiggins – Beach Concession Operator
Mr R Martin – Swanage Sailing Club

Dr M Ayres – Town Clerk
Mrs C Hooper – Tourist Information Centre Supervisor

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

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Mr M Goater (Purbeck District Council), Ms G Jennings (Swanage Sea Rowing Club) and Mr K Bragg (Private Beach Huts Representative).

2) To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Beach Management Sub-Committee held on 16th October 2013.

It was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Beach Management Sub-Committee held on 16th October 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

3) Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the Beach Management Sub-Committee held on 16th October 2013.

An update was given regarding the timing of the 5 knot speed limit enforcement in the bay. It was reported that the marker buoys highlighting the boundaries of the restricted speed zones will be put in place before the Easter holiday.

A brief discussion was held regarding the planned trial to deposit sand in the bay, however, no further update has been received. An update will be requested from Purbeck District Council before the next Meeting.

4) Seafront Stabilisation Scheme – Update

A brief update on the progress of the seafront stabilisation was given. It was reported that due to the poor weather and variable ground conditions a significant over-run is now expected, with works continuing throughout the summer season.

The elements of the development which will be completed in time for the holiday season were highlighted, namely the new Shore Road toilets and Broad Road Car Park works. It was reported that there will be a Council Meeting at 4.00 p.m. today to decide whether to extend the works to the central section of the Recreation Ground.

During the update, concerns were also raised regarding the need for 'car park full' signs when the limited parking at Broad Road was at capacity.

5) Burlington Chine cliff falls – Update

It was reported that there had been continued cliff falls at North Beach and the clearance operation was ongoing.

6) Updates from Representatives/Organisations

R.N.L.I.

A quiet winter was reported, with the first call for the lifeboat this weekend. Fund-raising for the new boathouse has reached the halfway point, with the build now planned from mid-November 2014.

North Beach Users

Thanks were given to the Town Council for opening the Battlegate Public Toilets.

Durlston Country Park

It was reported that the Durlston Bus Service will return for the summer season. Beach cleans will continue to clear the debris from lost containers and an update was given regarding the creation of the Dorset Seabird Forum on Facebook which will assist in monitoring sea bird populations.

7) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

There were no matters to report.

8) Provisional Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 4th June 2014 at 2.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.
