



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership held at
The Town Hall, Swanage on
THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015 @ 3.30 p.m.**

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chairman STCP; Lions; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Dr Martin Ayres, STC and Treasurer STCP
Niki Clark, Management Support Officer STC
Diane Bemand, Purbeck District Council
Anna Lee, Purbeck District Council
David Bale, Mowlem Institute Charity
Robin Brasher, Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group
Colin Brixton, Photographic Society; CPRE
Peter Clark, Cricket Club
Caroline Finch, Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce
Bob Foster, Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, SCCF; Probus 2
Lorna Haines, Y Axis
Neil Hardy, Swanage Lifeboat; RNLI
PC Kyle Hickman, Dorset Police
Mel Norris, Swanage Senior Forum; Jazz Festival; Museum; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Gary Richardson, SLP Steering Group; Swanage Sailing Club; RNLI
James Sinclair Taylor, Swanage Sailing Club
Mike Stollery, Purbeck Society; Town Twinning; Swanage Railway
Councillor Bill Trite, STC; PDC; DCC
Malcolm Turnbull, Swanage Coastal Change Forum; Jurassic Coast Trust

Also in attendance:

There were no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all Partners and guests, from Purbeck District Council, to the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Ms Z Chasokela (Purbeck Runners), Miss A Fay (Youth Club), Mrs D Mclaughlin (Dorset CCG), Mr D Morton (POPP/SSF), Councillor Mrs Ali Patrick (STC) and Rev J Wood (Churches Together).

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Proposed that these were a true record by Mike Stollery, seconded by Bob Foster and agreed unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Swanage Local Plan - update**

An update and presentation on the Swanage Local Plan Pre-submission Briefing was given by officers of Purbeck District Council. The draft version of the Plan had now been completed and published on the Dorset for You website. A copy of the presentation slides would be sent to Partners with the Minutes of the meeting.

A discussion ensued, following which it was proposed by the Chairman, Kim Gallagher, seconded by Mel Norris and resolved:

To support the Pre-Submission Draft SLP sign-off process as per the pre-submission briefing, with the conditions that:

- The Swanage Local Plan Steering Committee continue to be involved in the PLP Partial Review process; and
- The concerns raised regarding infrastructure (road closures/traffic management, highways changes which may be required) are looked into by PDC, discussed with DCC and reported back to the Steering Committee before proceeding.

It was noted that further information on the Draft Plan, can be accessed via the Dorset for You website: www.dorsetforyou.com/swanage-local-plan.

6. **Swanage Town & Community Partnership Steering Committee – update on the Inaugural Meeting held on Thursday 20th November 2014**

It was reported that a successful first meeting had been held. Matters discussed included the need to identify priority projects for the town in light of the Local Plan consultation, together with appropriate partners to deliver these projects, and the possibility of producing an annual action plan. The Steering Committee had agreed to meet again in February, prior to presenting proposals for consideration at the Quarterly Meeting in March.

Dr M Ayres left the meeting at 4.35 p.m.

7. **Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust – update**

A brief update was given, and it was noted that the Trust was now in place and ready to proceed with appropriate projects. It was reported that the Trust could also act as an ‘umbrella’ organisation to assist other groups

It was further reported that the Trust had been in consultation with Dorset Waste Partnership regarding a number of issues including upcycling and training and that further discussions would take place.

8. **Creating a Swanage Community Resilience Plan**

It was reported that at a recent meeting of the Swanage Coastal Change Forum the need for a Swanage Community Resilience Plan to help local residents in case of emergency had been identified. A particular concern was the possibility of the town being isolated from outside assistance in severe flood events.

The possibility of organising a workshop for interested parties was widely supported, although it was also noted that there was a need to ensure that any community plan was properly co-ordinated with plans held by other statutory authorities and the emergency services. The Chairman agreed to contact the relevant emergency planning officer from Dorset County Council for guidance on appropriate next steps, including arranging a workshop.

9. Partners' Updates

IOP Model Railway Group – it was reported that the Group/railway display had now moved to Godlingston Manor Stables and would be open to the public once disabled access to the premises had been installed. An update was given on the progress made with the model based on the Swanage Railway.

Swanage Rotary – it was reported that there had been a record number of stalls at the Rotary Christmas Market in December. The Santa's Sleigh programme and Christmas breakfast had also been very successful and thanks were given to all those involved.

Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce – it was reported that there had been no meeting this month. It was further reported that the ferry closure during November/December would appear to have had an adverse effect on trade in the town, with retailers reporting how quiet they had been. It was noted that the Chamber would be handing out the shop maps again this year at Swanage Railway Station during special events as it had been well received in 2014, with good feedback received from railway travellers. It was also considered good PR for the town. The first Swanage Fish Festival was on plan for June 2015.

The Mowlem – The Mowlem's programme of forthcoming events for spring 2015 was circulated, along with a copy of the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2014. It was reported that the cinema was now looking at downloading films from the internet, however, super-fast Broadband facilities were required. An enquiry was made as to when this would be available.

Cricket Club – the AGM had been held in November 2014.

Y Axis – a good year was reported at the skate park and the new facilities had been well received. Fundraising was continuing and a further donation of £9,000 had been received.

National Park – it was reported that Purbeck's Bid for National Park status was one of a final 11 being considered.

RNLI – it was reported that the builders were finalising their plans for building the new lifeboathouse and a temporary building for equipment would be completed mid-January. The Angling Club would be demolished first, followed by the boathouse. It was noted that the AGM would be held on 3rd March 2015 at the Pines Hotel at 7.30 p.m. and that the builder would be present to answer any questions.

Jazz Festival – financial success reported in 2014 and £2,500 had been donated to various charities, including the Ebola Crisis and National Jazz.

Swanage Area Senior Forum – it was reported that the SASF was in a position to be able to allocate funds to assist the elderly with transport issues. An article on this subject would be published in the next edition of the local Gazette. There would be a presentation from the Senior Trading Standards Officer from Dorset County Council titled 'Scams and You!' at the next meeting of the Forum on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.00p.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Swanage Railway – the Railway's programme of events for 2015 was provided, however, some special events were still in the process of being booked. A record number of passengers was reported in 2014, some 216,267, and the Railway was one of the top three heritage railways in the UK. It was reported that the Railway would now be looking to improve facilities and would be taking planning applications forward, including undercover storage for the railway coaches and improved staff facilities. An update was given regarding the position with Network Rail, the

Leases for the track had been signed, the signalling had been set up, approved and tested, and was now awaiting sign-off. Trials were therefore hoped to commence between December 2015 and Spring 2016. It was noted that General Manager, Richard Jones, had decided to step-down after nearly two years in post.

The Purbeck Society – the AGM had been held in November 2014 and the possible winding-up of the Society had been discussed. However, it was reported that some positive proposals had been put forward which a new Steering Group would be exploring and the Society was hoping to work together on this with the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust.

Swanage Town Twinning Association – it was noted that there would be a talk given by Reverend Stuart Timbrell called 'Discovering Dorset Part 5' on Monday 12th January 2015 at the All Saints Church. It was reported that the visit to Swanage by the Rudesheim Town Twinning Association had been provisionally scheduled for September 2015, which would hopefully coincide with the 2015 Swanage Folk Festival.

Dorset County Council (DCC) – it was reported that DCC's decision on whether to go forward with, or postpone, the consultation on the Swanage Local Plan (SLP) Pre-submission Document would be made at a meeting on 13th January 2015. Members of the SLP Steering Group confirmed that they would be discussing this at their meeting being held on 9th January 2015. It was reiterated that the draft SLP document was available for viewing on the Dorsetforyou website.

10. **Any other business**

Dates of events/information to share – it was suggested that if anyone had any dates of events or information they wished to share with Partners prior to each quarterly meeting they could email the details to the Town Council when the meeting Agenda was received. The information would be collated and sent out before the meeting accordingly. The general consensus was that if details of events were left until the day of the meeting it could be too late and they may be missed.

11. **Date of next Quarterly Meeting**

Thursday 26th March 2015 at 3.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Swanage.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.
