

4. Capital Programme 2013/14

a) Review and Monitoring

Members reviewed the 2012/13 capital programme and the following points were noted.

- Annexe alterations completed and quotes for Town Hall plumbing works received.
- An interim structural engineer's report had been undertaken with regard to repairs on the Stone Quay. It was hoped that grant funding for at least part of the repairs to the Quay could be secured.
- A vehicle from the Depot's fleet would be part exchanged to assist in the procurement of a 4 x 4 vehicle to enable the Council to respond to emergency situations in adverse weather conditions. This would remove the requirement to obtain a tractor as included in the 2012/13 capital programme.

b) Tourist Information Centre

It was reported that a survey had been undertaken in respect of necessary repairs to the Tourist Information Centre. It was noted that the cost to carry out the full works and stabilise the rear of the building would be approximately of £60,000. The approximate cost of bringing the building up to appropriate standards would be £35,000 - £40,000.

c) Proposed Development of Proposals for the Future Improvement of the Seafront

Consideration was given to future proposals for the stabilisation and improvement of the seafront. It was reported that plans drawn up by Morgan Carey Architects for a first phase would be submitted to Purbeck District Council for consideration, and a number of public consultation events were due to be held. It was RESOLVED:

That the remit of the existing seafront stabilisation working party (consisting of Councillors Bonfield, Brown and Pratt) be expanded to include proposals for the improvement of the full length of the seafront, from the shelter site to Battlegate toilets.

5. Operations Manager's Report

The Operations Manager gave a brief update on the following:-

- a) Event due to be held at the skate park on the 23rd March
- b) Request for a 'Grafitti Wall' to be built. It was noted that this matter would be put to a future Policy and Planning Meeting.

The Operations Manager raised concerns regarding the parking of camper vans on Shore Road. It was reported that during a recent weekend event, up to 27 camper vans had parked along Shore Road, and problems had been encountered with a number of the vehicles using the public conveniences to dispose of their chemical waste.

6. Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

It was reported that notification had been received from Dorset County Council that funding towards the Lengthsman Scheme would be cut by 50% for the 2013/14 financial year and be withdrawn entirely thereafter. This was a scheme aimed at encouraging local authorities to work together to provide an improved service in respect of matters such as litter picking, verge maintenance and dog mess clearance.

Concerns were raised that funding had been agreed for three years and to cut the funding after only one and a half would be a deviation from the original agreement. It was AGREED:

That Swanage Town Council write to Dorset County Council and strongly request that the original agreement is adhered to.

Mr A Lander left the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

7. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was proposed by Councillor Poultney, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That, under Standing Orders No's. 67 and 68, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following item.

8. Improvements to Street Cleansing

Consideration was given to a briefing note outlining options for the future of waste collection in Swanage. Some concern was expressed at the slow progress in taking this matter forward. It was suggested that Town Council officers and the Waste Management Working Party review this matter prior to a further meeting with Dorset Waste Partnership. It was also noted that officers from Dorset Waste Partnership would work with the Operations Manager to develop a clear understanding of the future requirements for the disposal of waste from Swanage. This would inform discussions around potential future joint working.

9. Town Council Depot – Potential Relocation

The Operations Manager gave a brief update on the possible relocation of the Town Council's Depot. Members were informed of recent meetings between officers of the Town and District Councils to discuss the matter. Further to item 10 of the minutes from the Meeting of the General Operations Committee held on 7th November 2012, it was noted that further discussions with the District Council would be necessary to explore the preferred options.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd July 2013.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.