



Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held at The Town Hall, Swanage on
WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2019 @ 2.15 p.m.

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chair ST&CP
Mike Bonfield, Swanage Town Council; Vice Chair ST&CP
John Bishop, Swanage Town Council
Peter Bowyer, Studland Parish Council
Mr Robin Brasher, Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group; Swanage Walking Group - from 2.30 p.m.
Niki Clark, Administration & Communications Manager, Swanage Town Council
Ann Davis, The Wave Youth & Children's Ministry
Bob Foster, Swanage Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Swanage Coastal Change Forum; Probus 2
Maggie Hardy, Swanage & Purbeck Rotary; Swanage Community Defibrillator Project – until 3.05 p.m.
Neil Hardy, Swanage RNLI
Avril Harris, Swanage Town Council
Douglas Hart, Durlston Country Park
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre
Helen Spencer, Tricuro; Swanage Day Centre
Bill Trite, Dorset County, Purbeck District and Swanage Town Councils
Mike Whitwam, Purbeck District and Swanage Town Councils

Also in attendance:

There were three 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 Mr Colin Brixton (CPRE Group; Photographic Society), Mr Peter Clark (Swanage Cricket Club), Mr Tom Clarke (National Trust), Mrs Jude Evans (Help and Care), and Mrs Daphne Saville (Swanage Disabled Club).

2. Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 18th December 2018

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

3. Matters arising

5 a) Swanage Town & Community Partnership's letter of support for the Coastal Communities

Fund bid for the coastal defence project – a copy of the Partnership's letter of support dated 7th January 2019 had been provided to Partners for information/update purposes. Thanks were given by attendees for the completion and submission of the letter on behalf of the Partnership.

4. Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy (SGIS) Draft Action Plan – update

A briefing note had been prepared by Mr Tom Clarke, Land Outdoors & Nature Engagement Officer, National Trust, dated March 2019, which gave an update on actions taken to date.

It was reported that a small working group, consisting of the National Trust, ST&CP, S&PDT, STC and PDC had met to review the SGIS Draft Action Plan, and had looked to consolidate actions and discuss who could/should be leading on the proposed projects. The working group would welcome members of the Partnership to lead on specific projects that they felt they would want to deliver, and to drive forward a particular action. It was noted that the National Trust would be willing to lead on creating the tree planting projects.

Comments were made that the SGIS was an important and comprehensive document, and that a robust action plan would be vital to its successful implementation. A question was raised as to whether any public consultation would be undertaken.

A further update on the progress of the draft action plan would be given at a future meeting.

5. Swanage2027 Project (S2027)

a) Update on identified projects and priorities

A copy of the updated list of S2027 priorities for 2019/20 was provided to Partners. Updates were provided on each project (highlighted in green on the list). The following matters were reported:

- **Community Land Trust** – a meeting of the working group was being planned for the near future with Fiona Astin, Housing Advisor, to progress discussions/explore options.
- **Sea Defence Strategy** – the Phase 2 bid to the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) for funding towards a potential long-term coastal defence scheme had now been submitted, outcome due April 2019. The bid had four elements, Institute Road, seafront public realm improvements, Stone Quay, and sea defences. It was hoped that the proposed Institute Road improvements would commence in early 2020.
- **Wellbeing Swanage** – (previously known as Caring Swanage) meetings were ongoing with key partners to develop proposals to preserve and enhance services in the local community. Discussions had been held with Tricuro and a joint business case was being prepared.
- **Museum and Heritage Centre** – the Museum would reopen on 1st April 2019. Swanage Area Forum, the National Trust and the Museum, would be holding an evening with Dr Phil Judkins, ‘D-Day, Confusion’s Masterpiece’, at the Catholic Church Hall on 26th April 2019.
- **Multi-Function Centre** – a draft lease and architect’s brief had been prepared, which had been discussed at a meeting held today. Good progress had been made and an outline plan was anticipated by July 2019.
- **Swanage Bandstand** – a final decision would be made at the Council Meeting being held on 25th March 2019. It was anticipated that restoration/refurbishment works would be completed during summer 2019.
- **Community bus/transport** – S&PDT would be meeting with representatives from Durlston Country Park to take this project forward, any interested parties were welcome to attend the meeting. A question was raised as to whether the project could be pursued through the Purbeck Transport Action Group.
- **Local Listing Project** – it was anticipated that the report on the outcome/findings of this project would be available by the end of May 2019. It was intended to undertake similar projects in neighbouring parishes. Thanks and appreciation were extended to the Purbeck Society for its sterling work on this project.
- **Town Centre improvements** – Swanage Chamber of Trade was exploring proposals for increased bin provision in the town centre.
- **Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy** – an invitation was again extended to Partners/ interested parties to join the SGIS Working Group.

b) Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust – update

It was reported that membership of the Trust continued to grow, and updates were given as follows:

- **Herston Village Hall** – plans were progressing well, there had been greater community use of the hall, and a table top sale was being held on 23rd March 2019 from 10.00am to 12.30 p.m.
- **The Centre** – weekend bookings had increased, and included a cinema club.
- **‘Fun in the Park’ event, King George’s Playing Fields, 28th April 2019** – it was reported that this would be a ‘non-fundraising’ day, supported by the Swanage Volunteer Bureau, S&PDT, Swanage Rotary, STC, and the Classic Car & Charity Day organisers, and would provide local groups and organisations with the opportunity to highlight the services they had to offer the local community, and also discuss increased volunteer opportunities. This would be a fun family event.

c) Swanage Town Council (STC) – update

Updates were given as follows:

- **Swanage Annual Parish Assembly 2019** – a successful Parish Assembly had been held at The Centre on 11th March 2019. The evening had celebrated the town’s amazing volunteers, and the winners of the Swanage Town Council Community Awards had been presented with a certificate and award. The evening had been well attended and enjoyed by all attendees.
- **New Town Council Depot** – the official opening of the Council’s new Depot at Units 5 and 8, Anvil Centre, Prospect Business Park, had been held on 12th March 2019, and was now fully operational. The Council had also welcomed a new Operations Manager, Mr Karl Stokes.
- **Local Government Reorganisation** – it was reported that the Council would be taking on ownership of the Museum building and also some small parcels of land/greenspace at Marsh Way and Benlease.

6. Member Organisations – updates

Community First Responder (CFR) initiative – Mrs Maggie Hardy provided details about this important initiative. It was explained that CFRs were volunteers trained by the South Western Ambulance Service in basic life support skills, and had access to an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). CFRs formed groups, mainly in rural areas, to respond to certain incidents and provided immediate care until an ambulance arrived. Swanage had a group of three CFRs. The group was keen to talk to the local community/schools about the service, and provide defibrillator awareness training. Mrs Hardy would circulate further information and contact details for the service. Comments were made that this information should also be circulated to other local parishes.

Tricuro/Swanage Day Centre – Helen Spencer, Manager, Swanage Day Services, introduced herself to the meeting. A brief overview of the ‘Swanage Connect’ service was provided, and an invitation was extended to all Partners to call in and view the services on offer at the Day Centre.

Durlston Country Park – updates were given as follows:

- **Durlston Pleasure Grounds Project** – a launch event was planned for 12th April 2019, from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and would include a range of free activities. All welcome.
- **‘Everyone needs a Shed’ Project** – there would be an official opening event held in due course, details to follow. The Park was looking for volunteers who would be willing to be involved in the active management of the shed.
- **Lift sharing scheme** – the scheme would be launched in May 2019. A form was available for anyone wishing to sign-up for this new scheme.
- **Purbeck Pledge 2019** – the Park would be hosting the Purbeck Pledge ‘Picnic in the Park’ launch event, which would include free health and wellbeing taster sessions, on 4th May 2019, from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

Swanage Jazz Club – it was reported that the Club would be supporting the Purbeck instrument loan scheme.

Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre – it was reported that the Museum was looking forward to finalising the building lease details with STC.

Swanage RNLI – updates were given on Swanage lifeboat callouts/incidents attended so far this year, and the lifeboat’s Annual Meeting which had been held on 12th March 2019. A comment was made that it was important for members of the public to continue to raise any concerns they had regarding vulnerable persons.

Studland Parish Council (SPC) – updates were given regarding recent problems experienced with heavy vehicle traffic in Studland, completed repairs to a fingerpost, and that viewing of Fort Henry had been recommended by the National Trust as it was possible that the structure could fall into the sea in the future.

The Purbeck Society – it was reported that a list of upcoming events would soon be published on the Society’s website and Facebook page. It was noted that the CPRE would be responding to the independent Affordable Housing Commission’s consultation on the challenges of providing affordable rural housing.

The Wave Youth & Children’s Ministry – an update was given on the multifaceted service/support provided to young people in the local community by The Wave Youth, which included mentoring/ 1-1 support, school classroom support, playtime duty, and extra-curricular activities.

The Wave Team regularly visited the Skate Park and had got to know many of the town’s young people. It was noted that the Team also liaised with the local Dorset Police Team to discuss local issues. To find out more, please visit: <http://www.thewaveyouth.co.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/thewaveyouth.uk>.

7. Any other business

a) **‘Fun in the Park’, community awareness event, with interactive stalls and exhibitors, King George’s Playing Field, 28th April 2019, from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** – a reminder was given regarding the upcoming ‘Fun in the Park’ event, and an invitation was extended to all.

b) **Swanage Railway** – a reminder was given that the Flying Scotsman would be visiting Swanage, courtesy of the National Railway Museum, York, and would be operating five services per day for five days from 22nd to 26th March 2019. It would then be on display in Corfe Castle Station for a further fifteen days from 27th March to 10th April 2019. It was anticipated that the event would bring a sizeable number of visitors to the area, and boost the local economy.

c) **Swanage ‘Plastic free Town’ Draft Action Plan** – it was reported that a draft action plan had been considered at STC’s Tourism Committee Meeting held on 13th March 2019. It was decided at the meeting that a recommendation to adopt the plan would be made to the full Council Meeting being held on 25th March 2019. If adopted by STC then a ‘plastic free’ campaign would be launched later in the year. It was noted that the Swanage Information Centre and Beach Gardens would both be plastic free this year. STC would be liaising with Litter Free Coast & Sea for further advice and guidance, and a local Plastic Free Steering Group would be established.

d) **Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage & Herston Football Club** – it was reported that the Trust would be requesting a drawdown of £5,000 from the Swanage Town & Community Partnership at its next Annual General Meeting to support the establishment of the Day’s Park Trust.

8. Date of Next Annual General Meeting and Quarterly Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th June 2019, at the Town Hall, Swanage, at 2.15 p.m. The next Quarterly Meeting would be held in September 2019, date to be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m.
