

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on **WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2013** at **2.15 p.m.**

Chairman: -

Councillor M. Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor Mrs C Bartlett

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Pratt

Swanage Town Council

Mrs C Finch

Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce

Also Present: -

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Miss A Spencer

Finance Officer

Mrs C Anstey

Administration Assistant

Public Participation Time

There were three members of the public present.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns with the speed of traffic and H.G.V's using Cow Lane.
- Concerns with possible dangers caused by vehicles parking on Shore Road and dangers for wheelchair users crossing on dropped kerbs between parked vehicles.

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Poultney and Trite and Mr A Power (Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association).

2) 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.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

3) Car Park Estimates and Scale of Charges 2014/15

a) Car Park Scale of Charges

Careful consideration was given to the scale of car parking charges for 2014/15. It was reported that the income from car parking is the largest source of revenue for Swanage Town Council, contributing approximately 25 per cent of the Council's net income. It was noted that the income from the car parks was down on 2012 but it was difficult to ascertain whether this was due to the economic climate or visitors' reluctance to pay the current level of car park charges.

Concern had been expressed by retail outlets in the town that they had received complaints in regard to high car park charges in Swanage. It was suggested that an option be given for a choice of stay between the existing 4 hourly and 24 hourly rate.

It was agreed that the following resolutions would be discussed further at the Finance & Performance Committee Meeting on 9th December 2013, during the budget setting for the 2014/15 financial year.

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

That the following revised summer scale of charges for the long-stay car parks be applied to the months of April to June and September to October:-

	Main Beach/Broad Road		North Beach	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
1 hour	£1.80	£1.50	£1.80	£1.50
2 hours	£3.40	£3.00	£2.50	£2.50
4 hours	£6.40	£5.00	£4.00	£4.00
24 hours	£8.00	£8.00	£6.00	£6.00

It was further RESOLVED:

That a 6 hourly tariff be incorporated in the above scale of charges.

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

That the 4 hour tariff for coaches in Main Beach car park be increased from £6.50 to £7.00.

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

That a 3-day car and coach ticket and weekly coach parking ticket be introduced for use in the Town Council's long stay car parks.

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

That evening charges be retained in the Town Council short stay car parks.

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

That the draft scale of charges circulated at the meeting be taken forward and considered further during the budget setting for 2014/15.

b) Pay By Phone

It was reported that on 1st November 2013 Bemrose Booth had been appointed by the Council as the "Pay by Phone" provider. The convenience fee paid by the customer had been set at 8p by the supplier. Consideration was given to absorbing this cost to encourage the use of this facility.

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

That the convenience fee of 8p charged by the provider of "Pay by Phone" be absorbed by the Town Council.

4) Dorset County Council Highway Matters

a) Possible Introduction of Directional Arrows at Junction of Station Road with Shore Road and Institute Road

Concerns were raised with the traffic flow in Station Road. It was noted that a number of incidents had occurred at the junction of Station Road and Shore Road, possibly due to a lack of understanding of the filter system in this area. It was suggested that directional arrows on the road would highlight the junction ahead. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that it would be beneficial for the Chairman and Councillor Bonfield to conduct a site meeting at the junction to discuss this matter further.

5) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

a) Dropped Kerbs – Shore Road

The dangers of wheelchair users crossing Shore Road was highlighted. It was suggested that the location of the dropped kerbs between parked cars were unsafe for wheelchair users. It was noted that officers would write to Dorset County Council Highways Department highlighting these concerns.

b) Disabled Parking – Lower Victoria Avenue

Attention was drawn to the disruption of traffic flow caused by Blue Badge Holders parking on yellow lines at the lower end of Victoria Avenue off Shore Road. It was agreed that officers would write to Dorset County Council Highways Department highlighting these concerns.

c) Traffic Speed – Cow Lane

Following concerns from local residents raised in Public Participation time it was noted that a letter be sent to Dorset County Council highlighting the dangers caused from traffic speeding in Cow Lane.

d) Park & Ride – North Beach Car Park

Further to representation made in the Public Participation time of the Transport Committee Meeting held in October, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the bus company responsible for the summer bus service to Durlston Country Park enquiring whether it would be possible to add North Beach car park to the schedule of pick up/drop off points.

6) Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 22nd January 2014.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.
