



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the  
Swanage Town & Community Partnership held at  
The Town Hall, Swanage on  
THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 @ 3.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Kim Gallagher, Chairman ST&CP; Lions; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust  
Dr Martin Ayres, Treasurer ST&CP; Swanage Town Council  
Robin Brasher, Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group  
Pete Christie, Langton Matravers Parish Council  
Peter Clark, Swanage Cricket Club  
Karen Delahay, Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association  
Collette Drayson, Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association  
Collete Ford, Swanage Children's Centre  
Bob Foster, Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust  
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Swanage Coastal Change Forum; Probus 2  
Lorna Haines, Y Axis  
Neil Hardy, Swanage Lifeboat; RNLI  
Tristram Hobson, Swanage School  
Dave Morton, Partnership for Older People Programme; Swanage Youth Club  
Mel Norris, Swanage Senior Forum; Jazz Festival; Museum; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust  
Alan Power, Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association

**Also in attendance:**

There were no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman, Mrs Kim Gallagher, welcomed all Partners to the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Mr D Bale (Mowlem), Mrs D Bemand (PDC), Mr C Brixton (Purbeck CPRE), Ms Z Chasokela (Purbeck Runners), Mr K Childs (PDC), Mrs C Finch (Chamber of Trade), PC K Hickman (Dorset Police), Mrs D McLaughlin (Dorset CCG), Councillor Mrs A Patrick (STC) and Mr M Stollery (Purbeck Society).

3. **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Proposed that these were a true record by Mel Norris, seconded by Neil Hardy and agreed.

4. **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**8. Creating a Swanage Community Resilience Plan** – it was reported that the Fire Service would be producing a template document that could be adapted for Swanage use.

5. **Swanage Town & Community Partnership Steering Committee – update on the Quarterly Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

An introduction was given to a paper entitled “The Future Role of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership Steering Group”, a copy of which had been circulated to Partners with the agenda for information purposes. The paper gave an overview of recent meetings held by the Steering Committee and introduced the Swanage2027 proposal.

It was explained that the Steering Committee would make recommendations to the Swanage Town & Community Partnership for consideration and approval, the management and delivery of any approved priorities/projects would then be overseen/driven by Swanage2027.

Members of the Steering Committee would be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

6. **Swanage 2027 – consideration of recommendation document**

An introduction was given to a paper entitled “Swanage2027” and the need for the town to have a body to take forward Swanage Community Strategic Plan and Swanage Local Plan action points; Swanage2027 being described as the delivery vehicle and driving force for change in the revitalisation of Swanage.

The proposal was to set up a collaboration between Swanage Town & Community Partnership, Swanage Town Council and the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust which would act as an umbrella for ‘themed’ working groups. These working groups would research and identify strategic themes, projects and actions (within their individual project area). Progress reports would be given at the Swanage Town & Community Partnership Quarterly Meetings.

Concerns were raised regarding a possible scattergun approach, and limited resources available, and a discussion ensued as to the best way to take forward the priority action points. It was felt that it would be important to raise the profile of Swanage2027 and action taking place, and that consideration should be given to the recruitment of additional people to work-up projects. It was therefore proposed by Bob Foster, seconded by Alan Power, and **RESOLVED:**

That the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee and individual working groups be drafted for further consideration by the Partnership, and recruitment activity for members of the proposed themed working groups be proceeded with.

It was further **AGREED:**

That a communication strategy be developed.

7. **Swanage Local Plan – update**

An update was given on the draft Swanage Local Plan Pre-submission Consultation Document, along with a summary of possible revisions to be made, which included an enhanced policy on second homes and the addressing of ‘pinch points’ on traffic management. It was reported that further consultation would take place in Autumn 2015, after which time Purbeck District Council officers would prepare a summary of all representations received and would then seek District Council approval to submit the Plan to the Planning Inspector in 2016 for consideration through the examination process.

It was noted that a proposal had been submitted via the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils regarding a possible amendment to government policy on the definition of affordable housing. A question was also raised regarding the local plan/neighbourhood plan process.

## 8. Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust - update

It was reported that monthly meetings of Trustees were being held and brief updates were given on the following subjects which had recently been discussed.

- Art Workshop and Fresh Prospects community gardening group, Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust (S&PDT) providing an umbrella for them
- Former St Mark's School – community support received to retain the old part of the school for community use, however, the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education had submitted a planning application for residential use. The S&PDT was still hoping to purchase the old part of the school building and would be lodging their comments as part of the planning application notes
- Options were being discussed for a new Museum/Heritage Centre
- Multi-Function Centre – a block plan had now been drawn up
- Swanage2027 – S&PDT would have an important role to play in this initiative

The Honorary Treasurer reported that £360 had been paid to Humphries Kirk, Solicitors, for Professional Charges for work carried out in connection with the Trust's application for Charitable Status up to and including 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

## 9. Partners' Updates

**The Swanage School** – good admission figures were reported. An 'Open Day' was planned for June 2015.

**POPP** – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 would see the launch of Swanage Dementia Friendly Community.

**Y Axis** – it was reported that tenders were out for the next phase of the skate park.

**Purbeck Transport Action Group** – it was reported that it was likely that the X43 bus service would run via Swanage this year, however, it could be the last year for the Durlston bus service unless usage increased.

**Purbeck Society** – the AGM would be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2.30 p.m. in the Mowlem Committee Room.

**Swanage Coastal Change Forum** – request made to introduce a policy into the Local Plan requiring development to be at 3.65m above sea level (Ordnance Datum).

**Swanage Cricket Club** – positive report given for the Cricket Club, improvements were also being made to the clubhouse.

**Swanage Area Senior Forum & Association of Churches Together in Swanage** – hustings would be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**RNLI** – it was reported that the site of the lifeboat house had been cleared and building was now underway.

**Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Association** – the AGM would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**Swanage Children's Centre** – an invitation was extended to Partners to visit the Centre. Collete Ford, Children's Centre Team Leader, Purbeck Cluster of Children's Centres, could be contacted on 01929 423589 and would be happy to show Partners around. There would be an opportunity to find out what the Centre was all about and how it supported families in the local area.

**Swanage Town Council** – updates were given on the progress of the plans for the new changing facilities at Forres Field, a therapeutic gardening project at Prospect Nursery, acquisition of the former St Mark's School Playing Fields, and development of the town centre and other Local Plan policies.

## 10. Any other business

None.

11. **Date of next meeting**

Annual General Meeting, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 3.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Swanage.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

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