



**3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

No matters were raised on this occasion.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

Further to Minute No.5 (c) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, consideration was given to a recommendation regarding the potential for re-purposing the existing Hackney Carriage Taxi Rank and the Police Parking Bay located on the Lower High Street, near to the junction of Seymer Road, into a designated motorcycle parking bay. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Vile and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That a request be made to Dorset Council that the Hackney Carriage Taxi Rank and the Police Parking Bay located on the Lower High Street, near the junction with Seymer Road, be re-purposed as a designated motorcycle parking bay.

Further to Minute No.4 (b) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and Minute No.3 of the Community Services Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Town Clerk provided an update regarding pedestrian safety concerns on Washpond Lane and the Town Council's request for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit to be introduced along the entire length of Washpond Lane. Dorset Council have indicated that the request for a reduction of the speed limit along part of the lane and the installation of additional signage is currently progressing and will be subject to further consultation.

**5. Partnership Project Updates**

**a) Swanage Community Housing Project**

Further to Minute No.5 (b) of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, an update was provided by the Chairman of Swanage Community Housing Project regarding the development of land at the junction of Ulwell Road and Washpond Lane. It was reported that pre-planning application advice had been received and that conversations were ongoing with regards to the potential number of units, currently anticipated to be between 9-11. It was noted that negotiations with Dorset Council in respect of the transfer of land are making good progress. A public consultation event was being prepared for early September 2025. It was further reported that consideration is still being given to a potential second site within Swanage, which is the subject of ongoing conversations with Dorset Council and the Town Council.

**6. CCTV - Update on Monitoring Arrangements - Presentation by John Newcombe, Service Manager Licensing & Community Safety for Dorset Council**

Further to Minute No. 9 of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Assets and Compliance Manager reported that the Service Manager for Licensing & Community Safety for Dorset Council was unable to be present and therefore the presentation needed to be postponed to a future meeting. It was reported that the agreed transfer of CCTV monitoring to the Control Centre operated by Dorset Council is ongoing and that a further update will be brought to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee.

**7. Pineapple Project – Introduction to the Pineapple Project – Presentation by Rachel Janaway, Pineapple Project Lead**

A Presentation on the Pineapple Project was given by Rachel Janaway, Assistant Team Manager – Contextual Safeguarding, Learning and Belonging for the Chesil Locality of

Dorset Council. The project concept was initially formulated in 2022, in response to a review of locally reported incidents of harm occurring to young people, with a particular focus on the dangers and challenges faced by young women. It was realised that more focus was required to ensure vulnerable, threatened or at-risk young women were supported outside of the home. This included safety mapping, Safe Routes Home schemes, Community Guardianship and the creation of accessible safe spaces that could be utilised by those needing support. The scheme was launched in November 2022 in Weymouth and by 2024, had been established sufficiently to employ a full-time worker to further support and promote the rollout of the project to other areas in Dorset. This will be achieved by a combination of engagement with local schools and education settings, the recruiting of Community Guardians and building a network of connections in the area that can promote the service to those that will benefit from its existence.

After a brief discussion, support for the goal of rolling out the scheme to the local area was offered by Councillors and it was noted that a meeting has been convened to discuss what support the Town Council, outside organisations and local businesses could offer in the development of Community Guardianship and the pursuit of the project goals.

The Chairman offered thanks to Rachel Janaway for the presentation.

#### **8. National Coastwatch Institution – Request to install a display screen at Peveril Point Lookout**

The representatives of the Swanage National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) presented their request for the installation of a digital information display screen on the exterior of the NCI Lookout located at Peveril Point. The display screen would be utilised to provide useful information to visitors which would include safety information, tidal timetables, weather updates, RNLI updates and promotion of local events. After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Dorrington and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

To approve the request from NCI Swanage for the installation of a digital display screen to the west side of the door of the display room at Peveril Point lookout, the installation to be completed to the satisfaction of the Assets and Compliance Manager.

#### **9. Swanage Skatepark Community Project – Project Update - Presentation by Swanage Skatepark Community Project**

Further to Minute No. 11) of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Assets and Compliance Manager reported that a representative of Swanage Skatepark Community Project was unable to be present for this meeting and therefore the planned presentation would not be given. It was reported that the contract for the Phase 1 works had been awarded after a formal tender process and that the chosen design is currently subject to local public engagement with full details available on the Swanage Skatepark Community Project website and social media channels. It was noted that the installation of the phase 1 equipment is due to commence in autumn 2025.

#### **10. Items of information and matters for forthcoming agendas**

##### **a) Community Sports Facility, Day's Park**

Further to Minute No. 17(a) of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Assets & Compliance Manager reported that conversations were ongoing with Swanage & Herston Football Club regarding the development of the plans for the new Community Sports Facility.

##### **b) Swanage Wellbeing Project, Chapel Lane**

Further to Minute No. 5(a) of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Ali Tuckey of Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and

Wellbeing Swanage reported that the Focus Centre continues to get busier and interviews have just been completed to bring on board a Hub Co-ordinator to assist in the promotion of the space available at the Focus Centre and the development of the service provisions that are offered. The newly launched Welcome Lounge has really taken off with twice as many visitors this month seeking support compared to the previous month, covering a range of needs with assistance and signposting being offered to the required services. It was also reported that the building works to better utilise the rooms and space available at the Focus Centre are ongoing.

**11. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The Meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

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