Minutes of a Meeting of the **COASTAL CHANGE & BEACH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on **WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2026** at **2.15 p.m.**

In Attendance: Councillor M Bonfield – Chairman
Councillor C Tomes – Swanage Town Council
Councillor C Sutton - Swanage Town Council

Mr A Barton – Wessex Water
Mr R Brayshaw – Swanage Sailing Club
Mr R Eatwell – North Beach Representative
Ms T Netherway – Wessex Water
Mr D Picksley – Environment Agency
Mr H Potter – Swanage Pier Trust
Mr N Reed - NCI
Mr G Richardson – RNLI
Mr E Saloman-Carter – Dorset Council
Mr K Sheppard – RNLI
Ms E Wright – National Trust

Also Present: Dr M Ayres – Town Clerk
Mrs S Layton-Kelly – Administration Officer
Mr C Milmer – Visitor Services & Business Development Manager (VSBDM)
Ms G Percival – Assets and Compliance Manager

There was one member of the public in attendance at the meeting, along with one member of the press.

Public Participation Time

There were no matters raised.

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor T Foster (Swanage Town Council), Ms B Betts (Dorset Council), Mr P Palmer (Pier Head Water Sports), Mr T Greasty (Swanage Sea Fishing), Mr S Thompson (Cumulus), Mr I Brown (Coastguard), Mr S Hill (Swanage Boat Hire), Mr D Pratten (Swanage Beach Buddies), Mr C Wiggins (Beach Concessions), Mr A Steele (Dorset Council) and Mr M Turnbull (Founding Chairman of Swanage Coastal Change Forum). Ms E Snow, representative of Dorset Coast Forum, attended remotely.

2) To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Coastal Change and Beach Management Advisory Committee held on 1st October 2025

Proposed by Mr G Richardson, seconded by Mr N Reed and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Coastal Change and Beach Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1st October 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3) Wessex Water – Update from representatives

a) A presentation was made regarding a proposal for the construction of a concrete flood water storage tank underneath King George's playing field adjoining Main Beach car park. It was reported that Wessex Water is currently monitoring water levels in a number of bore holes Subject to the results of the monitoring, it was proposed that construction work would commence in winter 2028, with works anticipated to take approximately 12 months to complete.

b) A presentation was given to Members informing them of a potential trial of new technology designed to provide continuous water quality monitoring at Peveril Point.

4) Dorset Council's Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Team

Further to Minute No. 6) of the Coastal Change and Beach Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 1st October 2025, the Committee received an update in which it was reported that the Swanage Town Centre Flood Protection Scheme remains paused at the present time. It was further reported that the Future Coast Swanage (CTAP) project had progressed to the delivery phase.

5) Dorset Coast Forum

The representative provided an update and informed the Committee that the full range of technical reports relating to the Future Coast North Swanage project, completed by consultants, Jacobs, are now available for public viewing at Swanage Library.

6) Visitor Services and Business Development Manager (VSBDM) Update

- It was noted that the Blue Flag application had been submitted in January and that new beach signage was expected to arrive shortly.
- The Committee was informed that the Punch and Judy shows on the beach would commence in mid-May and continue to early September this year, representing a slight change to the usual season.
- Recruitment of three Beach Wardens was underway, with two Wardens expected to be in post from May and the third in June.

7) Updates were received from representatives/organisations which included

- **RNLI** – The representative made a request for the use of the Broad Road carpark while carrying out their training exercises. The Town Clerk advised that he would look into the matter further.
- **Swanage Pier Trust** – It was reported that the initial stage of a funding application process to the National Lottery Heritage Fund had been completed.
- **Swanage Sailing Club** – It was reported that a concern regarding the ability of sailing boats to control their speed in windy conditions had been raised with Dorset Council in relation to the proposed changes to the Watercraft Bylaws.

8) Items of information and matters for forthcoming agendas

There were no matters raised.

9) Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Coastal Change and Beach Management Advisory Committee was yet to be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.