

Swanage2027 – Plan for 2022/23 – Achievements since last meeting highlighted

Strategic objective	Projects – Work with partners to ...	Link person	Key partner organisations – update
H1	<u>Social Housing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Community Land Trust to provide social, local housing 	DM	<p>The SCHSG have incorporated as 'Swanage Community Land Trust'. Additional members have joined the committee and discussions are ongoing to identify suitable sites.</p> <p>An asset transfer application has been submitted to Dorset Council in respect of a potential site.</p> <p>It was noted that Dorset Council may take up to six months to assess the asset transfer which was applied for in November 2022.</p>
N1	<u>Sea Defences</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Town Centre Sea Defence Strategy and implement sea defence improvements • Beach Recharge - 2025 	MA	<p>Swanage Coastal Change Forum, STC, Dorset Council, EA, S&PDT</p> <p>Sea Defence Project - Dorset Coast Forum anticipate providing an update to the community later in 2022. Additional modelling of wave heights is due to be undertaken which may delay the original timescale. Sara Parker, Dorset Coast Forum, Project Worker, will lead the public engagement.</p> <p>Dorset Coast Forum have been undertaking various public engagement events regarding the Seafront Masterplan. Flood modelling is being undertaken and the anticipated time frame for implementation of an agreed scheme is two years.</p> <p>Modelling of wave heights has recently been re-taken and a newsletter, published by Dorset Coast Forum, will be produced quarterly. It was noted that this would be circulated to Partners to keep up to date with the latest developments.</p> <p>Dorset Coast Forum March 2023 newsletter.</p> <p>The presentation, from Dorset Council's Coastal Risk Team at the BMAC meeting held April 2022, showed current beach levels are above the BMP trigger point for action at this time. Further monitoring will be undertaken in Autumn 2022, and an update regarding the beach recharge provided to a future meeting.</p>

N2	<p><u>Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate work of environmental organisations in Swanage, take steps to address the climate crisis and deliver agreed actions from the Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy. • Encourage Sustainable Tourism. 	TC/AH	<p>STC/Dorset Council/National Trust - Sustainable Swanage have taken a lead and coordinated the formation of a group around 'Greening Swanage'.</p> <p>It was noted that the Purbeck Heaths work, including the creation of a sustainable tourism plan (that could be a model for the wider Purbeck area), is due for completion at the end of the month.</p> <p>The registration has now been completed and the Downs is a recognised Local Nature Reserve. There will be an official 'launch' in the Spring. The launch of the Peveril Point and Downs Nature Reserve will take place on Saturday 15th April 2023 with various walks and activities taking place.</p> <p>Sustainable Swanage launch information.</p> <p>Sustainable Swanage held a meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church in June 2022 to share results of the recent footpath survey and seek volunteers to grade the footpaths. Further to the meeting, approximately 20 members of the public volunteered to assist with the project.</p> <p>Sustainable Swanage now hold monthly meetings.</p> <p>The Town Council has established an Environment Committee to provide a forum to oversee implementation of the Council's Environmental Action Plan and associated budgets alongside management of the Town Council's open spaces. It also provides a space to co-ordinate actions with partner organisations.</p> <p>STC have sought initial advice from an energy consultant to recommend ways to become carbon neutral by 2030. A report will be taken to the next meeting of the Environment Committee being held on 7th June 2023.</p> <p>The National Trust are working with Natural England, Dorset Council AONB and Durlston Country Park to explore the possibility of designating an area of land from Durlston to Weston Farm, Worth Matravers, as a Coastal National Nature Reserve. Work is ongoing.</p>
S2	<p><u>Wellbeing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop proposals to enhance health & wellbeing in the 	BF/KG	<p>STC/S&PDT/Dorset Council - The intention continues to be joint working with Children's and Adult Services - Chapel Lane - An updated business case will be submitted to Dorset Council to be presented at an upcoming Cabinet meeting.</p>

	community	<p>An asset transfer application has been submitted to Dorset Council. S&PDT are ready to occupy the site. A meeting is scheduled for 19th December 2022, to include DC Property team, and an update will be provided to a future meeting. The Town Council will consider the request for financial assistance at the FCM to be held on 12th December 2022.</p> <p>It was reported that over 50 partners, which included Dorset Council representatives, had attended the information session held on 24th February 2023 at the Centre. The asset transfer was being discussed at Dorset Council's cabinet meeting being held on 28th March 2023. POST MEETING NOTE: Dorset Council Cabinet voted unanimously in favour of the asset transfer and therefore work finalise the transfer and open the family hub, as soon as practicable, is underway.</p> <p>Wellbeing Swanage - 'Community Connectors' training had been provided to Sustainable Swanage volunteers. There would be further encouragement for others to engage in training. Additional volunteers had undertaken 'Community Connectors' training which had proved beneficial.</p> <p>It was reported that a post had been filled for a Development/Project Manager on a temporary basis for 12 months. The role will include overseeing hall bookings, building management and the postholder will work flexibly across the trust. A 'Places and Spaces' co-ordinator post was currently being advertised on a temporary 12-month basis.</p> <p>Herston Hall – There was a 'cross-over' element to those accessing the hall, arriving for one service e.g. CAB and remaining for another service e.g. the Seahorses playgroup or Community Café/Pantry, which was the initial vision for the hall. A decision regarding the planning application was expected imminently. The plan to redevelop the hall space would include a flat above the hall to accommodate social/affordable housing or overnight respite accommodation.</p> <p>Community Café – a community pantry was being established at Herston Hall with fresh produce supplied and issued from the Greengage/Allotments. The pantry was well attended and it was reported that 15,000kg of food had been saved from waste.</p> <p>The Community Café has a regular clientele and the community are supporting the pantry. The Trust had been successful in securing a grant to buy a fridge to increase the range of products available at the pantry.</p>
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S4	<p><u>Museum and Heritage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and expand Museum/Heritage Centre¹ 	MN	<p>It was envisaged that around 15 pupils will be able to attend talks at the new research unit at the Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate, possibly commencing September 2022.</p> <p>The open weekend at the History Centre was well attended. Discussions are ongoing with regards to the Museum expansion.</p>

H2	<p><u>Improved traffic flow</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop transport links and traffic flow improvements with enhancements to the seafront and town centre. • Shore Road • Station forecourt 	MW	<p>Shore Road: Possible integration into flood defence project. Dorset Council are prepared to trial the road closure of the southern section of Shore Road from autumn 2022. The experimental TRO began in September and Dorset Council will monitor and report on public response. It was reported that the 18 month experimental traffic regulation order had been in effect for 6 months. Dorset Council will continue to monitor public response.</p> <p>Station forecourt – A Dorset Council traffic flow consultant had been employed to look at options. Dorset Council’s contractor has been instructed and commenced initial work. The consultant’s report has been received by the Council, containing several options to improve pedestrian safety. The contents will be discussed by Members, and key stakeholders will be consulted, prior to a decision regarding works to the area. It was noted that although the appearance of the Station Approach area would not alter drastically, the area would be brought up to current highway standards (crossings, tactile paving, road markings), and include additional cycle racks.</p> <p>The final version of the Purbeck Transport Plan has been submitted to Dorset Council. The intention is that the document will be used as a basis for inputs to consultations on the Dorset Local Plan and Local Transport Plan. It was noted that transport infrastructure would need to be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
H2	<p><u>Sustainable transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore provision of community bus/transport • Durlston Bus <p>Improved provision for cyclists</p>	MW	<p>It was suggested that a discussion around the Durlston Bus commences earlier in the year to help secure funding for a longer service. Katie will be contacted to ascertain when the costs to run the bus for the year are made available to her. The community/town bus proposal will be considered under longer term plans. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss a potential funding stream for a community bus, and an update will be provided to a future meeting. Meetings had been held, and research conducted, into community bus schemes around the country. A viability study was underway to ascertain the best approach for Swanage, prior to an application for funding.</p> <p>Dorset Community Transport was used for the 2RN bus in the summer, transporting people from Wareham Station to Arne Nature Reserve.</p>

			<p>Beryl Bikes, as used in BCP, will be undertaking a two year trial at National Trust Studland, anticipated to begin February 2023.</p> <p>Swanage Railway anticipate the Swanage to Wareham 90 day trial service to commence in 2023 and run 4 days a week. The trial service from Swanage to Wareham would commence on Tuesday 4th April until 10th September, costing £25.00 return.</p>
H2	<p><u>Multi-Function Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options for Multi-Function Centre, Enterprise Hub/Incubation Units, and develop sporting facilities at Days Park 	BF	<p>S&PDT/STC/S&HFC – An alternative phased development was discussed and Bob has had a meeting with the Architects, asking them to come back with a proposal, based upon splitting the project into 3 phases, with improvements to the grounds, to accommodate all the Swanage youth teams, taking priority. In the meantime STHFC and SPDT are building a Business Case for including a 3G pitch, in Phase 1, with majority funding from the Football Foundation. Planning applications for the other parts of the project will be submitted as soon as possible. The Football Foundation have discussed whether the installation of a 3G pitch should be located in Swanage or in Wareham, and a pitch strategy review may take place at the end of 2022, which may determine location. Pre-planning report is anticipated before Christmas which will increase likelihood of receiving funding. Wareham have dropped out of the football association league which could enable Swanage to be an option for a 3G pitch.</p> <p>Funding options are being discussed, both at a national level and local level. Staged funding may be a possibility but would mean the project would take longer to deliver.</p>
H3	<p><u>Local/Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Conservation Areas and create Local Listing Consider Neighbourhood Plan. 	MA	<p>Purbeck Society/STC/Dorset Council Conservation Officer –</p> <p>It was noted that the finalised register of buildings of historic merit outside of the existing conservation areas will be a useful tool in adding weight to planning committee representations. A presentation will be provided to a future Planning and Consultation Committee meeting.</p> <p>Further engagement with Dorset Council conservation officers is planned.</p> <p>The budget to commence a neighbourhood plan has been included in the Town</p>

			<p>Council's budget for 2022/23. The Town Council's application to Dorset Council for the Swanage parish boundary to form the area for the Neighbourhood plan has been accepted.</p> <p>A presentation was provided by a neighbourhood plan consultant to a recent meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee. Public engagement events will be organised to encourage contributions to the plan.</p> <p>The Town Council has created a Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee, reporting to the Planning and Consultation committee. Further to a meeting of the sub-committee on Monday 28th November, two task groups have been established, one entitled 'Environment' and one 'Development'. The task groups will be led by members of the sub-committee. It is anticipated that the Swanage NHP will be completed by 2024.</p> <p>Consultation is currently anticipated for summer 2023.</p>
	<p><u>Cost of Living</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task and Finish Group to establish an Action Plan 	AB	<p>Through discussion with Tom Clarke, National Trust, it was agreed that Alex Brocklesby would lead the Cost of Living task and finish group, in order to establish an action plan.</p> <p>It was noted that this would be a short term goal of 2-3 months to establish the plan and then progress to realising the actions.</p> <p>A draft Action Plan has been completed. The exercise had proved useful in providing an audit of services, or gaps in provision, for people in need in Swanage.</p> <p>Swanage Rotary Club has established a community fund to enable those with extra funds to donate, and the monies to be used for projects or items to assist those in need.</p> <p>Communication was highlighted as a key area in order to signpost people to available services/assistance.</p> <p>Thanks was provided to Tom for seconding Alex to the project which enabled the Action Plan to be realised in a short space of time.</p> <p>It was noted that 51 families had benefited from the FareShare initiative and an application had been submitted for a second location to distribute food to local families in need.</p>