



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held at the Town Hall, High Street, Swanage on
TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2023 @ 3.30 p.m.**

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chair ST&CP
Councillor Tina Foster, Vice-chair ST&CP, Town Mayor, Swanage Town Council
Dr Martin Ayres, Town Clerk, Swanage Town Council
Sarah Bamber, Swanage Linking Lives
Robin Brasher, Model Railway and Walking Group
Alex Brocklesby, National Trust
Niki Clark, Planning and Community Engagement Manager, Swanage Town Council
Emma Evans, Democratic Services Officer, Swanage Town Council
Bob Foster, Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust
Maggie Hardy, Swanage Rotary Club, S.C.D.P. & Friends of Wareham Hospital
Helen McDavid, Swanage Linking Lives
Councillor Chris Moreton, Deputy Mayor, Swanage Town Council
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre
Rob Pullman, RNLI
Joanne Smith, Swanage Library

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Mrs Kim Gallagher, welcomed all Partners to the meeting and provided a brief explanation of the Swanage Town and Community Partnerships aims and objectives. Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor Mike Whitwam, (Swanage Town Council), Peter Bowyer (CPRE and Studland Parish Council), Chris Le Fevre (Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club), Mr Laurence Gloyn-Cox (SCCF & Probus 2), Ms Janet Norley (Emmanuel Baptist Church), Rev. Dave Richards (Warm Welcomes), Daphne Saville (Swanage Disabled Club) and Darren Strong (Swanage Carnival Committee). Councillor Monkhouse attended the meeting remotely.

2. Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 7th December 2022

It was proposed by Mr Bob Foster, seconded by Councillor Tina Foster and **AGREED** that these were a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters raised.

4. **Swanage Community Emergency Plan**

Councillor Moreton introduced the draft Swanage Community Emergency Plan document which had grown from an initial project to identify the support available for the five emergency services and volunteers following recent searches for missing people.

It was reported that during the recent searches the churches had opened their doors immediately, and the provision of refreshments and shelter provided to both emergency service workers and their families. It had become apparent that a co-ordinated approach to emergency support was required to ensure both families and service personnel were provided separate areas in which to rest and recharge. It was noted that a tabletop planning exercise, being run by Dorset Council, would take place on 21st April at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall, Swanage and representatives from neighbouring parishes and local organisations/community groups/churches were encouraged to attend.

5. **Swanage2027 Project (S2027)**

A copy of the updated list of S2027 priorities for 2022/23 was provided to Partners, and additional updates were provided which included:

- Former St Mark's Playing Field – 1st May 'Picnic in the Park' event to engage with local residents and gain views regarding the future use of the space.
- Sustainable Tourism – A meeting was held on 15th March with representatives from parish councils, the National Trust and other stakeholders. A main issue for many in attendance was sustainable transport and it was acknowledged that this was a wider Purbeck concern. The trial of the Beryl Bikes scheme was noted and the four National Trust car parks would be utilised as drop off points. It was noted that usage data would be collected over the summer months and, should the 1-2 year trial be successful, Dorset Council would then run the scheme.
- Chapel Lane – At the Dorset Council cabinet meeting, held in March 2023, the asset transfer of Chapel Lane to S&PDT had been approved subject to due diligence and agreement of terms. It was reported that the project had received a warm and positive response from those present. The work involved in bringing the project to fruition was noted and thanks were given to Bob Foster and the S&PDT for their hard work and determination.
- Purbeck Heaths – It was anticipated that the 2023 season would be the best season to date for sustainable transport. The £2.00 flat rate single journey bus fare would continue until end of June and a promotion on 'car free' days was underway. The Swanage Information Centre were assisting with publicising the events.
- Day's Park Development Forum – A positive pre-planning letter from DC had provided a basis to explore funding opportunities and discussions were ongoing to finalise the lease with STC.
- Swanage Neighbourhood Plan – It was reported that two task teams had been established: 'Environment' and 'Development' reporting their findings to the Swanage Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee. The public consultation was currently expected to take place during summer 2023.
- Cost of Living – It was noted that the Cost of Living report had highlighted 'communication' as a barrier to receiving assistance, as some residents were unaware/unable to apply for the appropriate help. The Town Council offered to place information regarding Cost of Living on their website.

6. **Member Organisations - updates**

Updates were provided by Partners, including:

Linking Lives – Easter Monday an 'Eggcentric' lunch would be provided, where all were welcome. In June a 'Medieval Feast' would be held at Knitson, where dressing up was encouraged. Linking

Lives were taking part in a Volunteers' Day as more volunteers are needed. It was noted that volunteering could entail ringing someone or calling in on a neighbour.

Swanage Walking Group – Currently has 130 members. The train link between Swanage and Wareham was highlighted as a positive for the area, however, the cost of £25.00 was noted as potentially excessive and would possibly discourage local residents to use the train as a method of commuting.

RNLI – Six call outs had taken place to date this year.

S.C.D.P. – 41 defibrillators had been installed across Purbeck to date. Familiarisation sessions were being held, particularly aimed at the younger age group. Swanage Carnival volunteers were also undertaking training prior to the event.

Friends of Wareham Hospital – It had been announced that the proposed community health hub would not proceed, although it was noted that investment in Wareham Hospital had been planned in order to sustain the 30 clinics which currently operate from that location.

Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre – The Museum had recently re-opened for the season at the end of March and would remain open until October/November.

Wellbeing Swanage – Fareshare larder hoped to establish a second location at Chapel Lane.

Swanage Town Council – The Deputy Mayor offered thanks and appreciation for the hard work of the community groups and noted the town would be bereft without their support to local people.

Swanage Seafront Masterplan – It was anticipated that the draft document would be complete by May/June with further engagement to follow.

Swanage Skatepark – A public event will be held on 15th April to discuss views on potential new equipment.

7. **Any other business**

There were no other matters raised.

8. **Date of Annual General Meeting**

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.
