



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held at the Town Hall, High Street, Swanage on
WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2022 @ 3.30 p.m.**

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chair ST&CP
Councillor Tina Foster, Vice-chair ST&CP, Town Mayor, Swanage Town Council
Sarah Bamber, Swanage Linking Lives
Peter Bowyer, CPRE and Studland Parish Council
Robin Brasher, Model Railway and Walking Group
Niki Clark, Planning and Community Engagement Manager, Swanage Town Council
Peter Clark, Swanage Cricket Club
Emma Evans, Democratic Services Officer, Swanage Town Council
Andrew Fleming, Warm Welcomes
Collette Ford, Wellbeing Swanage
Bob Foster, Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust
Chris LeFevre, Swanage and Purbeck Rotary Club
Tania Leigh, Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust
Helen McDavid, Swanage Linking Lives
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre
Rev. Dave Richards, Warm Welcomes
Daphne Saville, Swanage Disabled Club
Joanne Smith, Swanage Library
Mario Sobijh, The Loft, Community Hub
Nick Viney, Swanage Churches
Councillor Mike Whitwam, Swanage Town Council

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 Ms Wendy Allwood (Help and Kindness), Mr Laurence Gloyn-Cox (SCCF & Probus 2), Maggie Hardy (Swanage Rotary Club, S.C.D.P. & Friends of Wareham Hospital), Ms Janet Norley (Emmanuel Baptist Church), Mr Robert Pullman (Lifeboat Operations Manager) and Ms Lauren Stone (Help and Kindness). It was noted that Mr Colin Brixton was no longer a member of the Swanage Photographic Society and would no longer attend meetings. Councillor Debby Monkhouse, Swanage Town Council, and Alex Brocklesby, National Trust, attended the meeting remotely.

2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th June 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. Cost of Living Crisis – update

Further to Minute No. 2 of the ST&CP meeting held on 29th June 2022, a presentation regarding the Cost of Living crisis was provided by Collette Ford, the Wellbeing Swanage Coordinator, which included:

- A Powerpoint presentation provided information regarding the report.
- Three sessions had been organised to discuss priority areas.
- Five themes had been suggested: Housing, Energy, Food, Travel and Leisure.
- Colour coded sections in the report highlighted areas where there was a gap in support.
- The report highlighted newer initiatives which were progressing as a result of working together on the report.
- Communication strategy was noted as important part of the plan and to use various forms of media to reach as many people as possible.
- Warm welcomes – co-ordinated calendar of venues and events to provide warm spaces and food.

A discussion ensued around the area covered and communication modes. The Town Mayor, Councillor Foster, stated she would be happy to share information with neighbouring parish representatives. The number of attendees at Warm Welcome events would be noted to provide feedback and monitor provision/those in need.

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:

- Herston Village Hall - Citizens Advice Bureau would hold weekly sessions at Herston Village Hall from January 2023.
- Station Approach - consideration was being given to a report regarding pedestrian safety in Station Approach.
- Community Bus - Initial investigations into potential funding for a Community Bus were underway.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Task teams would meet early 2023 and research would commence into the existing Swanage Local Plan and new policies.

5. Member Organisations - updates

Updates were provided by Partners, including:

The Loft – Cost of Living crisis workshop to be held at The Loft and include learning to cook sessions, with food included.

Swanage Rotary Club – Santa’s sleigh was visiting various roads in town throughout December and had featured at the Swanage Christmas Market. £44,000 had been raised for local projects. It was noted the clubs in Hampshire and East Dorset had reduced from 72 to 66 and new members were encouraged. The Rotary would like to appeal for younger members to join and understand the role of Rotary in the community.

Swanage Library – Various events for children were planned for the new year. ‘Cuppa and Company’ events were becoming established.

Wellbeing Swanage – Community Connector training would be held 17th January 2023 at HVH. 50 minute sessions or online.

Swanage Disabled Club – Co-op membership card contributions had raised over £9,000 for the club. Thanks were given to all for their support.

Swanage Walking Group – Annual dinner had been held with 61 in attendance. 20 years ago the group contained 5 members and currently had 130. The first walk would be re-enacted.

St Mark's Church – Links were being re-established with the primary school, and community events organised to engage with the wider community.

Studland Parish Council – Knoll House redevelopment plans – encouraged response on the planning application, particularly in relation to increased visitor numbers. Deadline to respond noted as 24th December 2022. Beach Café due to close.

Purbeck Conservation Society – Programme of events scheduled early January to include 'Walk and Talks'.

Swanage Forum Newsletter – Reported a wide distribution of the newsletter and welcomed contributions to articles from attendees.

Linking Lives – Boxing Day 'Leftover Lunch', poster to circulate. The Town Mayor offered to attend the event.

Swanage Town Council – Public encouraged to attend Council meetings. The Planning and Community Engagement Manager encouraged information to be sent the Town Council to be shared via the website and Facebook to reach a wider audience.

7. **Any other business**

a) **Purbeck Beaver Project update**

The email circulated prior to the meeting was noted with interest.

b) **Theme for March 2023 meeting of the Swanage Town and Community Partnership**

Neighbourhood plan was suggested with other ideas to be emailed to the Democratic Services Officer.

8. **Provisional Date of Next Quarterly Meeting**

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

9. **Partner networking and information sharing**

Partners enjoyed some refreshments and mince pies.

The meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.
