

Swanage Town & **COMMUNITY** Partnership

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Annual Report - Year Ending 31st March 2015

Appointed Officers as at 31st March 2014

Chairman – Councillor Mrs A Patrick
Vice Chairman – Mrs K Gallagher
Honorary Secretary – Vacant
Honorary Treasurer – Dr M K Ayres

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Accounting Body – Swanage Town Council

Bank – Lloyds TSB, Swanage

Independent Examiner – Mrs R Darkin-Miller LLB (Hons) FCA

Mission Statement

“A vibrant friendly community of all ages based on a successful economy in a safe, healthy environment whilst preserving the uniqueness of Swanage as a gateway within an area of World Heritage Status”.

Membership

Membership is open to nominated representatives of all statutory bodies, voluntary organisations, clubs and community groups.

Projects & Activities

The Town Partnership's support is key to projects successfully accessing external funding from a range of grant making bodies. Ongoing projects include the Swanage to Wareham Rail link, the provision of changing facilities for youth football teams at Forres Field, the acquisition of the former St Mark's School playing field for public use, the acquisition of the former St Mark's School for education and training purposes and support for Y-Axis in fundraising for the final instalment of Skate Park equipment.

The Town Partnership continues to be recognised by the District and Town Councils as providing an important link to local voluntary and community organisations. In this capacity the Partnership is working with the local authority to shape the new Local Plan for Swanage, which will be a statutory planning document, shaping the future development of the town. The Partnership has encouraged the local authorities to broaden the consultation process which will result in refreshed priorities and action plans for Swanage. A final draft is currently being completed which will undergo a final, formal consultation process later in the autumn of 2015.

This work is being strongly influenced by the **Swanage Community Strategic Plan** which was completed and published in May 2007. It has been adopted by Dorset County Council, Purbeck District Council and Swanage Town Council. The plan may also be used by a range of government agencies to inform local projects linked to strategic policies and planning objectives.

The Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust (SDT) is now up and running, set up to act as a third sector delivery arm, being able to access funding and assets not available to local authorities. Pump-prime funding has been made available to the SDT to aid the delivery of projects which address the key priorities for Swanage identified in both the Community Strategic Plan and Local Plan.

Finance

- 1) In 2014/15 the Partnership did not apply for or receive any grants/contributions during the course of the financial year.
- 2) Financial activity was limited to two payments to Humphries Kirk solicitors, totalling £600, for legal advice received by the SDT in order to complete an application to the Charity Commission, and the payment of a grant to the SDT of £5,000 in order to support this application.
- 3) All funds currently held are a means to facilitate future funding for projects. At the 2014 AGM it was agreed that the SDT, as the delivery arm of the Partnership, can draw down funds from the balances held by the Partnership, subject to approvals.
- 4) In July 2014 it was agreed that £15,000 of pump-prime funding be paid over to the SDT. These funds, however, are to be held by the Partnership until agreed criteria have been met.
- 5) The total balance carried forward to 2015/16 is £24,963.

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**STATEMENT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15
as at 31st March 2015**

Income & Expenditure Account 2014/15

13/14			14/15	
£	£		£	£
	31,634	Balance brought forward		30,563
		Contributions		
		Grant Funding	0	
0	0		0	0
		Expenditure		
(1,061)		Legal Fees	(600)	
0		Grant Funding	(5,000)	
(10)		Bank Charges	0	
	(1,071)		(5,600)	
	(1,071)	Net Profit/(Loss)	(5,600)	
	30,563	Balance carried forward	24,963	

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2015

31st March 2014		31st March 2015	
£		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
30,563	Cash and Bank	29,963	
30,563	Total Assets		29,963
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
0	Creditors	5,000	
0	Total Liabilities		5,000
30,563	Net Assets		24,963
Funds:			
30,563	Non-Allocated Funds		9,963
0	Allocated Funds		15,000
30,563	Total Funds		24,963

Independent Examiner's Certificate

I certify that the above represents a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership for the year to 31st March 2015.

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Date.....
 17/05/15