



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held at The Town Hall, Swanage on
WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2018 @ 2.15 p.m.**

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chair ST&CP
Mike Bonfield, Swanage Town Council; Vice Chair ST&CP
Martin Ayres, Town Clerk; Honorary Treasurer ST&CP
John Bishop, Swanage Town Council
Peter Bowyer, Studland Parish Council
Robin Brasher, Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group; Swanage Walking Group – from 2.25 p.m.
Niki Clark, Administration & Communications Manager, Swanage Town Council
Peter Clark, Swanage Cricket Club – from 2.30 p.m.
Tom Clarke, National Trust
Karen Delahay, Purbeck Society
Bob Foster, Swanage Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Laurence Gloyn-Cox, Swanage Coastal Change Forum; Probus 2
Maggie Hardy, Swanage & Purbeck Rotary; Swanage Community Defibrillator Project
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre
Joanne Smith, Swanage Library Manager

Also in attendance:

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair, Mrs Kim Gallagher, welcomed all Partners to the meeting.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Mr Colin Brixton (CPRE Group; Photographic Society), Mrs Jude Evans (Help and Care), Councillor Gail Green (STC), Mr Neil Hardy (Swanage RNLI), Mrs Sylvia Libicka (Chamber of Trade), The Very Reverend John Mann (Team Rector, Swanage & Studland Team Ministry), Mrs Daphne Saville (Swanage Disabled Club), Councillor Bill Trite (DCC/PDC/STC), and Councillor Mike Whitwam (PDC/STC).

2. Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 17th October 2018

Proposed that these were a true record by Councillor John Bishop, seconded by Mr Bob Foster, and agreed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters raised.

4. The Purbeck Society – presentation on the Swanage Local Listing Project

The Chair welcomed and introduced Mrs Karen Delahay to the meeting.

A presentation was then given by Mrs Delahay on the Purbeck Society's Local Listing Project, which was progressing well.

Further to Minute No. 9 b) of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership Meeting held on 20th September 2017, the Society's Local Listing Working Party (Mrs Delahay, Mr David Gerry, and Mrs Jessica Sutcliffe) had been undertaking a survey of buildings of note in the town, on behalf of Purbeck District Council, which were valued by local residents, but which did not meet the demanding standards of being categorised nationally as listed buildings. This information would be valuable for the assessment of future planning applications, and could potentially be used to inform a future review of the Swanage Conservation Areas. A copy of the Society's 'Non-designated heritage asset recording sheet' was provided to Partners for their information.

The working party had concentrated on three areas in the town outside of the existing Conservation Areas, New Swanage, Durlston/Scar Bank, and Townsend. It was reported that potential next steps may include proposals for the designation of a new conservation area at New Swanage, a survey of 'green spaces' and trees of note, and the group was keen for other local parishes to get involved and undertake surveys.

The presentation was followed by a 'Q & A' session, during which a question was raised regarding the lack of blue plaques in the town (there was only one) and whether consideration could be given to the installation of more plaques.

The latest Purbeck Society Newsletter was provided to Partners for their information, which included an annual membership application form for anyone interested in furthering the Society's aims and objectives. For further information, please visit the Society's website: www.purbeckociety.co.uk

Partners gave thanks and appreciation to the Purbeck Society, and to Mrs Delahay for the informative presentation, and for taking the time to answer Partners' questions.

5. **Swanage2027 Project (S2027)**

a) Update on identified projects and priorities

A copy of the updated list of S2027 priorities for 2018/19 was provided to Partners. A review of the list of priorities had been undertaken, and updates were provided on each project (highlighted in green on the list). The following matters were also reported:

- **Sea Defence Strategy** – it was reported that the Phase 1 bid to the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) for funding towards a potential long-term coastal defence scheme had been successful. The deadline for the receipt of Phase 2 bids was 21st January 2019, and the Town Council had welcomed letters of support from local partner organisations, which would form part of the bid to the CCF. It was noted that the bid now had four elements, Institute Road, seafront public realm improvements, Stone Quay, and sea defences. If the bid was successful public consultation would be undertaken, and delivery of the schemes was anticipated by 2021.

It was therefore proposed by Mr Laurence Gloyn-Cox, seconded by Mr Bob Foster, and AGREED:

That the Swanage Town & Community Partnership sends a letter to Swanage Town Council in support of the bid to the Coastal Communities Fund for the coastal defence project.

- **Caring Swanage** – it was reported that good progress was being made. A meeting between all partners (DCC/STC/PDC and S&PDT) would be held in January 2019 to discuss proposals to preserve services in the local community. Funding opportunities were also being explored.
- **Museum and Heritage Centre** – draft Heads of Terms had now been received from PDC.
- **Multi-Function Centre** – draft Heads of Terms had been agreed, and a design brief would be commissioned in early 2019 for the whole Days Park site. Public consultation would be undertaken, and it was noted that the development would be carried out in 'phases'.

- **Swanage Bandstand** – tenders were currently been assessed, and a report would follow in January 2019.
- **Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy** – contact had been made with the Dorset Wildlife Trust and RSPB, and the working party would be meeting again on 10th January 2019 to progress proposals for the action plan.

b) Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust – update

It was reported that to date thirteen projects had become Trust Members, and an update was given as follows:

- **The Centre** – all works had now been completed, more events were being held in the hall, and The Centre was covering its costs. The Trust was now looking to expand the Youth Club service. It was noted that the Explorers Childcare Group had a waiting list.

c) Swanage Town Council (STC) – update

Updates were given as follows:

- **Sea Defences** – it was reported that the Environment Agency (EA) had set out proposals for the deployment of temporary flood defences in the vicinity of the Stone Quay, following the series of coastal storm events in recent years which had caused wave run-up and overtopping between Seymer Road and The Parade. It was anticipated that the concrete barriers would be put in place until early April 2019, and would be a temporary solution pending the outcome of the bid to the CCF. The EA would be funding the cost of the barriers.
- **Boat Park slipway improvements** – an update was given on the fishermen’s huts and slipway improvement project, which had been hampered due to consistently poor weather and tidal conditions. It was anticipated that these works would now be completed in the New Year.
- **Swanage Town Council Community Awards** – nominations had opened on 1st December 2018, and would close on 18th January 2019. The awards would be presented to the winners at the Swanage Annual Parish Assembly on 11th March 2019. Nomination forms could be obtained from the Town Hall and Swanage Information Centre, or downloaded from the Town Council’s website or Facebook page. The nomination form would also be sent round to Partners accordingly.

6. Member Organisations – updates

Swanage Library – the Library was keen to increase partnership working, and space could be hired in the building for events. Details of upcoming events could be found on the Dorset for You website or the Friends of Swanage Library Facebook page:

- <https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries/Library-events/categories/swanage-library/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/Friends-of-Swanage-Library-194531394421279/>

It was noted that the Friends had now been established for over a year, and was currently working on a garden project to the rear of the library building.

Swanage Rotary Club – it was reported that the Rotary’s Christmas Breakfast would be held as usual on Christmas morning at the United Reformed Church, and a plea was made for more attendees. Transport would be available, and partners should contact Mrs Maggie Hardy with details of anyone who would be interested in attending the breakfast.

Swanage Community Defibrillator Project – it was reported that a total of 30 defibrillators had now been installed across the Purbeck area, with further installations planned in Stoborough and Sandford. It was noted that the original plan had been for only four to be installed in Swanage. Looking to the future, the group’s aim was to ensure that the units were regularly maintained, and remained serviceable.

The Purbeck Society – the Society now had circa 120 members, and continued to meet monthly. It was noted that the group had also joined the Civic Societies Association.

Studland Parish Council (SPC) - the new fingerpost (near to St Nicholas' Church) had now been installed, and it was reported that a planning application had been submitted for the redevelopment of the Knoll House Hotel in Studland.

Swanage Walking Group – the group now had 128 members, and had recently enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club. 27 members had taken part in a walk to Dancing Ledge and Seacombe earlier today, and another walk was planned for New Year's Day. Details could be found on the Group's website: <http://www.swanagewalkinggroup.co.uk/>

Town Twinning Association – the Association now had a number of new members, and a visit from Rudesheim was planned for May 2019.

Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group – details were given about the Group's World War One display, and next year a display of Corfe Castle Station was planned.

Swanage Cricket Club – it was reported that the 21st Birthday of the Pavilion had been celebrated at the Club's Annual Dinner on Saturday 17th November 2018. The Club's AGM had been held on 30th November 2018.

Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre/Swanage Area Forum – in partnership with the National Trust, new displays highlighting the important role played by Studland and Swanage during the run up to the D-Day Landings in 1944 had been created. It was noted that the Museum's research team were planning further displays this year to mark the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War Two.

Herston Village Hall – a Christmas Fair had been held on 1st December 2018 which had seen the launch of the Herston Village Hall Refurbishment Project Appeal. A total of £85,000 would be required to complete the project, and funding options were also being explored.

National Trust – details of free events, talks, and activities for local community groups were provided. These would be led by the National Trust, and included hosting a community picnic, an evening talk, guided walks, or an evening out looking for bats and nightjars. Anyone interested in booking such an event should contact Mr Tom Clarke via email: tom.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Swanage Volunteer Bureau – there would be a 'Volunteer Fair' held on the Swanage Railway Station platform on Thursday 21st March 2019.

7. Any other business

- a) **Sandbanks Ferry – Proposed increase in ferry tolls – Outcome following Public Inquiry** – it was reported that the Toll Review Application had not been approved by the Secretary of State for Transport. Thanks were given to the District Council and Councillors from the six local councils who had worked together to compile the information and evidence required to support the objection to the proposed increases, and to the barrister who had presented the case to the Inspector, who had been funded by PDC. A question was raised as to what the barrister's costs had been, and a comment made that a further application to increase tolls could potentially be made by the ferry company in the near future.

8. Date of Next Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2019, at the Town Hall, Swanage, at 2.15 p.m.

The Chairman gave thanks to Partners for their continued support during 2018, and to all the town's volunteers for their dedication, energy and enthusiasm.

The meeting closed at 3.20 p.m., and was followed by:

9. Partner networking and information sharing