



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held via the Zoom video conferencing platform, on
WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE 2021 @ 4.30 p.m.**

Present:

Kim Gallagher, Chair ST&CP
Martin Ayres, Town Clerk, Honorary Treasurer ST&CP
Peter Bowyer, CPRE and Studland Parish Council
Robin Brasher, Model Railway and Walking Group
Peter Clark, Swanage Cricket Club
Tom Clarke, National Trust
Emma Evans, Management Support Officer, Swanage Town Council
Bob Foster, Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust
Councillor Avril Harris, Swanage Town Council
Councillor Debby Monkhouse, Swanage Town Council
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre
Councillor Mike Whitwam, Swanage Town Council

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 Ms Sarah Bamber (Swanage Linking Lives), Mr Bernard Bettles (Swanage Methodist Church), Mr Colin Brixton (Swanage Photographic Society), Mr Richard Brown (Dorset National Park and PAW), Ms Nathalie Carter (Swanage Library), Mrs Ro Clark (Wave Youth and Children's Ministry), Mrs Jean Gibbs (Dementia Friendly), Mr Laurence Gloyn-Cox (SCCF & Probus 2), Mrs Maggie Hardy (Swanage & Purbeck Rotary; Swanage Community Defibrillator Project), Ms Jenny Maraspin (The Swanage School), Mr Dave Morton (POPP), Mrs Daphne Saville (Swanage Disabled Club), Mrs Helen Spencer (Tricuro) and Mrs Mary Trott (Tricuro).

2. Election of Chair

It was **AGREED:** That Mrs Kim Gallagher be appointed Chair of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership for the ensuing year.

3. Election of Vice Chair

It was **AGREED:** That Councillor Avril Harris be appointed Vice Chair of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership for the ensuing year.

4. Election of Honorary Secretary

No nominations had again been received for the position of Honorary Secretary. It was therefore agreed that the Town Council would cover secretarial duties for the ensuing year.

It was noted that, as set out in the Swanage Town & Community Partnership (ST&CP) Constitution, Dr Martin Ayres, in his capacity as Town Clerk, would continue in his role as Honorary Treasurer.

5. **Election of Steering Committee Members in line with Paragraph 7 of the Constitution**

It was reported that one 'Expression of Interest' form for the position of Steering Committee Member had been received from Mr Tom Clarke and there remained one vacancy.

It was therefore **AGREED**:

That, in line with Paragraph 7 of the Swanage Town & Community Partnership Constitution, the Steering Committee Members for the ensuing year would be; Dr Martin Ayres, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Bob Foster, Mrs Kim Gallagher, Councillor Avril Harris and Mr Mel Norris. Councillors Monkhouse and Whitwam were appointed as representatives to the steering committee.

6. **Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts**

It was reported by the Chair that Darkin Miller Limited, accountants, had been appointed as the external Examiner of Accounts for the ensuing year, all were in agreement with this appointment.

7. **Chair's Annual Report**

The Chair praised the way in which the community had pulled together during a challenging year and highlighted some of the recent achievements which included the establishment of the Swanage Community Housing Steering Group, the formation of Greening Swanage, the establishment of a sub-group to prioritise Wellbeing issues and the improvements to Institute Road, in conjunction with Dorset Highways.

8. **Statement of Audited Accounts 2020/21**

A copy of the Certified Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2021 was provided.

The Chair advised that the bank charges incurred to year-end had been £90.00 and that the total funds held now sat at £4,267 (non-allocated).

9. **Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held on 3rd March 2021**

It was **AGREED** that these were a true record.

10. **Matters arising**

There were no matters raised.

11. **Presentation on Wellbeing**

A presentation was provided by Laura Rowan, Co-ordinator for Wellbeing Swanage, providing information on the progress of the Wellbeing Swanage group which included:

- Wellbeing Swanage was established to provide social support and build social connections in the community focussing on Wellbeing and Mental Health issues.
- Based on Frome's model of 3 C's; Curiosity – mapping and exploration of local assets, Collating - information for a directory; Connection – ways to access the directory through a website, community hub, newsletter, social media and encouraging community connector training to enable others to access the directory.
- It was envisaged that a community hub be established at Herston Village Hall to include a community café and children's clubs with the aim to draw resources to one area.
- Similar to Frome's model with smaller 'breakaway' projects.

Laura was thanked for her presentation and the possibilities the Wellbeing Swanage group offered to the community. Laura welcomed further questions via email.
Laura Rowan left the meeting at 5 p.m.

12. **Swanage2027 Project (S2027)**

a) Review of projects and priorities

A copy of the updated list of S2027 priorities for 2021/22 was provided to Partners. The chair wished to note that the headings had been altered slightly to reflect broader projects and that various achievements had been highlighted which included:

- The Swanage Community Housing Steering Group are in the process of applying to become a CLT Registered as a CBS. Councillors Monkhouse and Rogers had been appointed as representatives to the Swanage Community Housing Steering Group as observers. Councillor Monkhouse will now become the link person for the plan.
- The repairs to the sea defences, including the Parade and Stone Quay had been completed.
- The Downs Nature reserve project is progressing well.
- Solar Streets launched their provision of sustainable energy on 17th March 2021.

A discussion ensued around the availability, and allocation of affordable housing, and queries were raised regarding the housing list and percentage of affordable homes delivered. It was decided further discussion would be held at an upcoming S2027 meeting.

It was noted that Planet Purbeck would be holding a festival between 20th – 26th September to engage with the community. Events would be held at various locations including The Mowlem Theatre with stalls, films and speakers. AN update would be provided to a future meeting.

It was noted that SPDT/Swanage Youth Club, Wareham Youth Club and #Willdoes had held a successful meeting exploring co-operation in local youth provision.

The Swanage Museum planned to re-open on 28th June and discussions were ongoing regarding expansion. The Prince Albert memorial was complete and discussions would be held, with the Operations Manager, regarding planting and benches to be situated near to the memorial.

Tom Clarke left the meeting at 5.35 p.m.

The Town Council's Sports, Leisure and Wellbeing working party had been working closely with representatives of the Football Club and Development Trust regarding the Multifunction Centre project. Improvements to the football ground were being implemented as a preliminary phase, including the installation of improved floodlighting.

The local listed building project had been completed and thanks were extended to the Purbeck Society for undertaking this project. It was envisaged that the document would be shared with the Planning and Consultation Committee and become available on the Purbeck Society's website.

It was noted that councillors had shown an interest in a Neighbourhood Plan however further discussion would be held and an update provided to a future meeting.

b) Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust

It was reported that Herston Hall was experiencing a reasonable level of interest in use. Architects had been appointed to plan the re-development of the hall and it was envisaged that affordable housing would form part of the plans.

Greengage had been incorporated under the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust and were working closely with other projects under the Trust's umbrella.

c) Swanage Town Council – update

The following additional updates were provided:

- The Godlingston Cemetery extension was underway.
- Additional bins had been sourced for the seafront to combat waste accumulating during the summer season.

d) Wellbeing Swanage

This item had been discussed under agenda item 11).

e) Youth provision

It was noted that in future the Partnership meetings could be themed and invitations to attend extended to interested parties. Theme suggestions included youth provision, the environment, wellbeing and housing. It was noted that any further suggestions would be welcome.

13. Member Organisations - updates

Updates were provided by Partners, including:

Save our Ambulance Car – It was reported that a children’s trail had been organised to raise awareness of the campaign and that a song had been recorded and uploaded to Youtube.

Swanage Walking Club – two or three walks were organised per week with around seven attendees and no pre-booking required.

Town Twinning – Meetings currently held via Zoom.

Studland Parish Council – DYL’s had been placed in the village, new TRO had ben implemented along Ferry Road and a new footpath to Nine Barrow Down.

Cricket Club – Increase in youth members. Interested in the Barratt’s development and whether it will pose any boundary issues.

14. Any other business

It was noted that the latest issue of the Swanage Forum and S&PDT newsletter would be distributed within days.

15. Provisional Date of Next Quarterly Meetings

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.
