

# AGENDA ITEM 7b)

**Nicola Clark**

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**Subject:** FW: Setting up a Surf Life Saving Club in Swanage

**From:** Matt Walling  
**Sent:** 27 April 2018 16:36  
**Subject:** Setting up a Surf Life Saving Club in Swanage

Dear Council Officers,

I am a Teacher at The Swanage School which is at the heart of the community here in Swanage. I have previously held a position as a beach lifeguard in Cornwall with the RNLI and have been an active member of the Perranporth Surf Lifesaving Club. Having been involved in surf life saving for many years in Cornwall, I would like to start my own club in Swanage. The Swanage Surf Life Saving Club

The Surf Life Saving Club is a voluntary organisation, in some cases charitable, which carries out a range of activities including lifesaving patrols, lifesaving & first aid training, competition and coaching.

I am contacting you as I to see if I am able to get approval from the local authority or beach owner to run the club. Or really to find out who I need to speak with to register my intent?

I hope you are able to help me as I think this club would be great for the Swanage community.

Best wishes,

**Matt**

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**Subject:** Swanage Surf Life Saving Club  
**Attachments:** Surf-Lifesaving-Pathway-2018-1.png

**From:** Matt Walling  
**Sent:** 01 May 2018 16:41  
**To:** Culvin Milmer  
**Subject:** Swanage Surf Life Saving Club

Hi Culvin,

Thanks for spending the time talking to me this afternoon.

A Surf Life Saving Club would meet one evening during the week "Club Night" where members will be trained in lifesaving and surf lifesaving sport. The sport of surf lifesaving includes, swimming races, prone board paddle races, surf ski races, beach activities like capture the flag.

Eventually when the club is up and running the club will be open weekends for voluntary patrols of the beach with close links to the RNLI Lifeguards.

A typical club ethos for sls.gb is:

• **Club Member Responsibilities**

- Understanding and promoting beach safety and surf lifesaving.
- Committing to providing water safety cover during club training events, if appropriately qualified.
- Providing voluntary beach and water safety cover, if appropriately qualified, for the general public as part of organised club patrols.
- Endeavoring to take qualifications in lifesaving and first aid.
- Acting as an ambassador for the club in the wider community – our club has a high public profile locally.
- Participating in fundraising activities.
- Representing the club in surf lifesaving competitions, where appropriate.
- Respecting fellow club members
- Wearing club colours when representing the club.

Attached is the [SLSGB Lifesaving Pathway](#) which provides a progressive programme of volunteer activity structured to build the capability to save a life.

This link is Surf Lifesaving GB <http://www.sls.gb.org.uk>

If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

# SURF LIFESAVING PATHWAY

**ALL LIFE SAVERS DESCRIBED IN THE FRAMEWORK ARE OPERATIONAL ONLY WHEN SUBJECT TO LOCATION SPECIFIC RA'S AND LOP AND THE ACTIVITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SLSGB NATIONAL SAFETY GUIDE**

<b>AGE 18 +</b>	<b>PATROL CAPTAIN</b>			
	<p>You are the highest qualified SLSGB Life Saver. You control and manage SLSGB Patrols declared to the Coast Guard.</p>			
<b>AGE 16 +</b>	<b>SURF LIFE GUARD</b>			<b>FIRST RESPONDER</b>
	<p>You are the highest qualified SLSGB Lifeguard. You lead patrols declared to the Coast Guard in a coastal environment.</p>			<p>You provide Level 3 Pre Hospital Care. You are a fully competent team member of Level 2, 3, 4 and 5 Patrols declared to the Coast Guard.</p>
	<b>SURF COACH SAFETY AND RESCUE</b>	<b>NATIONAL VOCATIONAL BEACH LIFEGUARD</b>	<b>INLAND WATERS LIFEGUARD</b>	
	<p>You provide water safety cover managed at all times by a qualified Lifeguard. Age 16, you can be part of any Patrol declared to the Coast Guard. Aged 18 you may be employed to coach and provide water safety cover at a Surf School.</p>	<p>You are a Beach Lifeguard holding a recognised National Vocational Award. You can be a member of all patrols declared to the Coast Guard but do not replace a Surf Life Guard.</p>	<p>You are an Inland Lifeguard for rivers and lakes Age 16, you can be part of any Patrol declared to the Coast Guard.</p>	
<b>AGE 14 +</b>	<b>SURF LIFESAVER</b>	<b>GRADUATE LIFEGUARD PROGRAMME</b>	<b>BEACH LIFEGUARD SUPPORT</b>	<b>LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE FIRST AIDER</b>
	<p>You are an assistant lifesaver always supervised by a qualified Lifeguard. You can be part of a Level 3 and 4 patrol declared to the Coast Guard.</p>	<p>You can under supervision assist with club training safety, deliver safety messages to local communities and qualify as a Surf Lifeguard as soon as you are 16. Age 16, you can be part of any Patrol declared to the Coast Guard.</p>	<p>You do everything that a Beach Lifeguard does. You do not undertake any wet side rescue activity. Age 16, you can be part of any Patrol declared to the Coast Guard.</p>	<p>You deliver enhanced first aid to all in need and may be a member of all patrols declared to the Coast Guard but do not replace or substitute a First Responder.</p>
	<b>RESCUE BOARD PADDLER</b>	<b>TUBE RESCUER</b>	<b>COASTAL SURVEILLANCE PATROL</b>	<b>LEVEL 1 EMERGENCY FIRST AIDER</b>
	<p>Using a Rescue Board, you provide club water safety cover managed at all times by a qualified Lifeguard. Age 16, you can be part of any Patrol declared to the Coastguard.</p>	<p>Using a Rescue Tube, you provide club water safety cover managed at all times by a qualified Lifeguard. Age 16, you can be part of any Patrol declared to the Coastguard</p>	<p>You provide an important safety service for those that you observe are in danger or needing help by contacting a rescue service who will respond. You can patrol on your own or with others and may be a member of all Patrols declared to the Coast Guard.</p>	<p>You deliver basic first aid to adults only and if 16, may be a member of all patrols declared to the Coast Guard but do not replace or substitute a First Responder.</p>
<b>AGE 7 - 13</b>	<b>LIFESAVER APPRENTICE GOLD</b>			
	<p>You can: Use club rescue equipment competently in the rescue of another, can provide basic life support and call emergency services.</p>			
	<b>NIPPER LIFESAVER SILVER</b>			
	<p>You can: Identify dangers on the beach, look after yourself and can help a friend in trouble. You can also obtain your Silver Ocean Star which will allow you to compete in SLSGB Surf and Beach competitions.</p>			
	<b>NIPPER LIFESAVER BRONZE</b>			
<p>You can: Stay safe on the beach whilst having fun in the ocean. You can also obtain your Bronze Ocean Star which will allow you to compete in SLSGB Surf and Beach competitions.</p>				
<b>SURF CADET</b>				
<p>You can: Understand the sea in a more productive recreational manner, be aware of safety issues in the water and enjoy the beach as a playground.</p>				

