



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Swanage Town & Community Partnership
held at the Town Hall, Swanage on
WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019 @ 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
Peter Bowyer, Studland Parish Council
Colin Brixton, Photographic Society; CPRE
Peter Clark, Swanage Cricket Club
Tom Clarke, National Trust
Gen Crisford, National Trust
Ann Davis, Wave Youth & Children's Ministry
Maggie Hardy, Swanage & Purbeck Rotary; Swanage Community Defibrillator Project
Neil Hardy, Swanage RNLI
Avril Harris, Swanage Town Council
Cara Johnston, Operations Department Administration Officer, Swanage Town Council
Sylvia Libicka, Swanage Chamber of Trade and Commerce
Mel Norris, Swanage Museum & Heritage Centre
Helen Spencer, Tricuro, Swanage Day Centre
Bill Trite, Dorset Council and Swanage Town Council
Mike Whitwam, Swanage Town Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Mr Robin Brasher (Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group; Swanage Walking Group), Mr Bob Foster (Rotary; Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust), Mr Laurence Gloyn-Cox (SCCF & Probus 2), Mr Sam Scriven (Jurassic Coast Trust), Mr Ali Tuckey (Durlston Country Park), and Mr Nick Viney (Churches Together).

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th June 2019

Proposed that these were a true record by Kim Gallagher, seconded by Mr Mel Norris, and agreed.

3. Matters Arising

The Town Clerk advised that items 13 b) and 13 c) were due to be actioned by the Town Council at forthcoming meetings. It was noted that the Statement of Audited Accounts for 2018/19 would be presented to the next quarterly meeting of ST&CP, to be held in December 2019.

4. Consultation on the draft Jurassic Coast Partnership Plan 2020-2025

Attention was drawn to the Jurassic Coast Trust's consultation exercise on their draft Jurassic Coast Partnership Plan. Given that Swanage was the eastern gateway town to the World Heritage

Site, the importance of the plan, which set out the aspirations of the Trust and how it planned to work with communities over the next five years, was noted.

It was reported that further details of the plan would be available at the drop-in session to be held at Swanage Library on the 18th September 2019 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. A question was raised as to whether Swanage Town Council would be responding, and it was noted that it had been discussed at the Council's Planning and Consultation Committee meeting held on 9th September 2019. It was advised that as the plan was very detailed individual groups would be best placed to respond to ensure that their interests were represented.

Concerns were expressed at the detrimental impact of tourism in some parts of the Isle of Purbeck and also about the limited duration of the consultation period.

5. **Co-ordination of work of environmental organisations in Swanage**

a) Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy Draft Action Plan – update

A meeting had been held earlier in the day with partner organisations to discuss next steps in the implementation of the Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy. The importance of co-ordinating the work of various local environmental campaign groups, including Purbeck Extinction Rebellion and Sustainable Swanage was highlighted. The urgency of action to address the climate crisis was acknowledged, as were the benefits of working with neighbouring parishes.

The importance of tree planting was acknowledged and it was stated that there were many organisations that could advise on how to plant trees, the type of trees to plant and best position. There were also funding opportunities available. Good work by the Rotary in planting trees on the Downs was reported. Comments were also made regarding the importance of retaining and properly maintaining hedgerows in the area.

Representatives of Sustainable Swanage informed partners that they would be holding an open day on Saturday 12th October 2019 at All Saints Church Hall to encourage community interest in environmental matters.

6. **Swanage2027 Project (S2027)**

a) Update on identified projects and priorities

The Chair reported on the progression of projects being taken forward by the Partnership's Executive Committee, Swanage2027, which had continued to work hard to find solutions to priorities identified in the Swanage Local Plan. Thanks were given to Partners for their invaluable support and assistance during the year.

A copy of the updated list of S2027 priorities for 2019/20 was provided to Partners. A review of the list of priorities had been undertaken, and updates were provided on each project in turn. A copy of the list is attached at the end of these minutes.

The Chair drew attention to the possibility of carrying out a youth, leisure and free time strategy, and attention was drawn to the Cheltenham leisure and free time strategy as a good example. It was agreed that this should be added to the Partnership's priority list for the current year.

A question was raised as to whether the minutes of S2027's quarterly meetings could be made available. It was explained that these meetings focus on progress updates and any actions taken which were reported to the Partnership at its quarterly meetings by way of the updated list of priorities.

b) Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust

It was reported that the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust AGM was due to take place on 14th November 2019. Discussions had recently been held with the Friends of Swanage Library and the Friends of MS Purbeck about become partner projects.

c) Swanage Town Council – update

Partners were invited to the next Monthly Council Meeting being held on 16th September at The

Swanage School. The agenda included a motion declaring a climate crisis, funding for Dorset Coast Forum to take forward proposals for improved flood defences, and support for a Winter Market.

An invitation was also extended to the Annual Swanage Civic Service at St Mary's Parish Church on Sunday 15th September at 3 p.m. It was announced that the main topic would be the environment, with local school children invited to give a reading, the town band would be there, and tea and cakes would be served on the church lawn.

7. **Member Organisations - updates**

Swanage Community Defibrillator Partnership would be holding an open evening at The Centre on Thursday 26th September at 6.30 p.m. There were thirty defibrillators in the community and the project had extended to Sandford.

The Swanage Community Festival held to celebrate all that goes on in Swanage would take place in King George's car park on Saturday 16th May 2020.

It was reported that the **RNLI** had had a busy season and a new chief executive had been appointed. A successful lifeboat week had taken place and RNLI Swanage would be appearing on the TV show Saving Lives at Sea on Tuesday 17th September at 8.00 p.m. on BBC2.

The AGM of the **Purbeck & Poole Group CPRE** would be taking place at the Corn Exchange in Wareham at 7 p.m. on Monday 30th September where an update would be provided on the campaign for National Park status for the Dorset AONB.

Studland Parish Council reported the difficulties faced by the Sandbanks Ferry being out of action and the possibility of installing a pontoon for an alternative service was being explored by a local group. The Council had also recently opposed plans for the redevelopment of Knoll House Hotel. Holiday activities for children had been organised by **Wave Youth**, approximately 30 children had been enrolled in a 'fun club', which had included activities with Land and Wave.

On behalf of the **National Trust**, Gen Crisford introduced herself and her role, which included checking local wildlife habitats and engaging with local communities. A drop-in day had been arranged at Corfe Castle Village Hall on Thursday 24th October between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. A National Trust leaflet was circulated drawing attention to open spaces and natural habitats in Purbeck.

The **Chamber of Trade** reported that a meeting of the Sustainable Swanage group would be taking place in November to encourage businesses to recycle. It was noted that whilst some Chamber members had concerns about the highway works planned for Institute Road next year, the proposed improvements for pedestrians were welcome.

Councillor Trite reported on financial difficulties facing **Dorset Council**. Attention was drawn to the recent visit to Swanage by the Chief Executive of Dorset Council during which he had met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk. A tour of Institute Road, the seafront and The Centre had taken place. Concern was raised about the effectiveness of Development Control under the new authority.

Swanage Cricket Club reported a good season.

Swanage Carers Group drew attention to their meetings, held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Swanage Museum circulated a poster for a talk on World War II artists taking place tonight at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

It was reported that a new **Women's Institute Group (WI)** would be meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at Herston Village Hall.

8. **Any other business**

None.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.
