

# COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP AGM MARCH 2014

Graham Whitehall  
Lilliput and Neighbourhood Association (LANA)



# TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- “To work together, in the best interests of Poole, to ensure that the community and the Borough of Poole, achieve the best quality sustainable development outcomes in an open and transparent way”

# WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN 2013?

- A wide variety of issues have been considered by the CWG:
- Continued liaison and communication with Residents Associations/Community Groups
- Updates on ongoing issues, e.g. CIL and apportionment, SPD refresh, Major Development sites in Poole, Sustaining Poole's Seafront (SPS), etc
- Local issues raised, e.g. Neighbourhood Forums (newly established Poole Old Town and East Hamworthy), planning permission for change of use (eg Sandacres – Tesco), retrospective planning issues (eg Decking in Poole Park), etc.

# SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) Refresh update
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) updates
- Members Tour of Inspection – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Campaign for Sensible Tree Management – Updates
- Large development sites, e.g. Power Station, Sydenhams, West Quay Road, Nikel sites - status updates
- Dolphin Quays Development – Ways of improving and encouraging retail usage
- Sustaining Poole's Seafront (SPS) – formerly Beach Master Plan - update

# MEMBERS TOUR OF INSPECTION



- Brief: - Have we created a successful place?
- The Good the Bad and the Ugly, well mostly Good!
- The Good: Lower High Street, Seaview Roundabout, Ashdown School
- The Bad: Dolphin Quays – Not all bad, but desperately in need of improvement!
- The Ugly: Sandbanks Beach Car Park – In need of some reorganisation? (Subject of the SPS)

# CAMPAIGN FOR SENSIBLE TREE MANAGEMENT



- Petition raised by residents, to review the BoP policy on the management of trees on private property, with emphasis on the welfare of the homeowner.
- Petition presented to Full Council October 2012, subsequently referred to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, then Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ECOS) and the Arboricultural Working Group (AWG).
- Moved at ECOS;
- In consultation with CWG, for a review of Area/Group TPO's, giving priority to areas where major concerns regarding tree management have been raised by residents.
- Proper consideration be given to concerns over the interpretation and application of BS3998:2010 when determining Tree Works Applications.
- A booklet to be produced to give guidance on management of trees and planting of appropriate tree species in an urban/maritime environment, ensuring the longevity of a verdant Poole treescape.
- The campaign is ongoing.

# AND OF THE FUTURE?



- In an environment of further government funding cutbacks:
- Need for wider communication with Residents Associations/Community Groups across Poole (approx. 130 different groups in BoP), particularly on planning issues?
- Larger CWG Group?
- Greater degree of engagement with the community on many fronts, e.g. clarity of CIL community apportionment?
- Need for more Neighbourhood Forums and subsequently, Neighbourhood Plans?

**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**

**CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER**

**AND**

**GOOD LUCK FOR 2014!**