SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd 2024 at 12 Noon

Held at the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
## AGENDA

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| | Apologies for Absence: Joshua Baxendale; Gary Baines; Reverend J. Bartlett; Gill Wright |
| | Chairman's welcome – Cllr Joss Loader:<br><br>She, then, paid her respects, and those of our Committee members and many others, for the life and work of the late Alderman Liza McKinney. She spoke of Liza's history, her experience, passion and dedicated work ethic. On behalf of all her friends and our members, she thanked Liza for her legacy. |
| | Approval of the AGM Minutes for 2023<br>Proposed by: John Charlish<br>Seconded by: Sarah Hamsell<br><br>Minutes were approved. |
| | Tim stood to thank Joss and immediately joined with her sentiments relating to the life and contributions of the late Alderman Liza McKinney. He praised Lisa's energy, strong will, relevant input and relenting desire to do her best for her electorate and as a respected Chair of the Council. He reiterated that she will be greatly missed.<br><br>He, then, commenced his address with the news of local flooding concerns both in Southwick, Grinstead Lane, Lancing and the Old Shoreham Road in Shoreham. He advised that new legislation will be introduced regarding the behaviours and actions of all our water companies. The only exceptions being the volumes of adverse weathe conditions that remain outside their control. Sewage outflows will be fitted with monitors that will be linked to control centres to monitor foul water. In future, there will also be restrictions on C.E.O bonuses. He |

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| | suggested shareholders have not received dividend income for the last eight years.<br><br>Following this, he highlighted the apparent lack of consideration shown by various services providers who had need to commence roadworks, be they urgent or not. So, "enforcement permits" will be required in future. And, should any detractors ignore these new necessities there will be an issuance of fines up to £2500 per day. Indeed, a pilot for this scheme was held in West Sussex in late 2023.<br><br>**Secondary school places:** There is a clear problem of a general lack of school places in this area, especially those living in the West side of Shoreham. So, more secondary schools are needed for this area. Shoreham Academy is currently full although Sir Robert Woodward does<br>have some capacity for the coming academic year.<br><br>**Hospitals:** A recent CQC issued a poor report on our local hospitals, some of which "require improvement" that is a drop from "outstanding" in a short time. Tim suggested the availability of GP appointments is beginning to settle down even if there remains a reduction of face-to face appointments. He confirmed that HMG are now encouraging pharmacists to assist with diagnoses which is an area that will, undoubtedly, be further developed.<br><br>**Royal Mail:** Sussex MPs met recently to discuss the downturn on the service, particularly in the Worthing to Portslade area. There will be a follow-up meeting with those relevant MP's with Royal Mail itself.<br><br>Joss rose to thank Tim and invited `County Councillor, Kevin Boram to offer his address. |
| | WSCC Councillor, Kevin Boram.<br>Kevin's address was initially prioritised by WSCC's battle to approve their budget for the coming year. It was finally agreed at £1 Billion. That said, substantial savings had to be, and were, found and agreed.<br><br>One of the main issues related to children and their needs. Some 900 children required assessment for 'assisted' places and psychiatrists have been called in to assist with children's needs. That said, real efficiencies were finally achieved. |

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| | He confirmed that Adur District Council managed to balance its budget.<br><br>Kevin then mentioned the planning and re-construction of a new pavilion in Buckingham Park that included new public conveniences.<br><br>He declared that in West Sussex alone, approximately 220,000 potholes needed repair with some 40,000 to be attended in this new fiscal year<br><br>Kevin spoke of some disappointing decisions:<br><br>Bike-racks have been reduced and, more locally, the large local petition sponsored by Cllr Joss Loader for a "Saltings Crossing" proposal along the A259 East of the Saltings roundabout was declined by WSCC.<br><br>He advised that he has been continually trying to talk with WSCC to raise the issue of a new medical centre for Pond Road: a long-overdue issue especially now with ongoing building of flats, some already in evidence, growing along the A259 but he has yet to achieve support for such a meeting.<br><br>Concluding his address, Kevin took questions from the floor.<br><br>Joss Loader raised the issues concerning Beach Green, in particular about the Council's attitude to provide public toilets there and strongly suggested a public consultation but no date has yet been agreed by ADC.<br><br>ADC District Councillors' Reports. |
| | i. Cllr. Joss Loader: Marine Ward:<br><br>Joss thanked both today's previous speakers for their attendance and reports.<br><br>Standing, she declared that much of her own report had already been covered but our previous speakers but she then commented as follows:<br><br>She updated the meeting on latest decisions with litter bins, especially relating to take-away food containers. The idea of not siting any bins |

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| | at all, hoping visitors might take their litter home has not been taken up.<br><br>She advised that SBRA's three planters are still regularly re-planted and maintained and went on to confirm that as a food-bank trustee, the service remains important to regular members of the larger community and she especially praised and congratulated those who volunteer to assist the service and thanked the Shoreham & Adur food bank for their ongoing work.<br><br>The Church of the Good Shepherd were offered a donation of £500 from `SBRA' to repair a cracked wall and restore the war memorial.<br><br>She, then, reported that the Friends of Shoreham Fort had been presented with a King's Award".<br><br>ii. Cllr Julia Watts: Marine Ward:<br><br>Julia reported on her first year as an ADC Councillor. She suggested that much of her report was covered in Joss's own news. Nevertheless, she proved to our audience that she had enjoyed her new role.<br>Noting the ongoing re-development along the Western harbour arm, she mentioned a number of the developments that were springing up along that section of the A259. She advised that a number of local community - groups were meeting with developers, especially those near the old Lighthouse on the border with Southwick. Concerns about density especially noting the "high density" of the construction due to<br><br>Particular to the Beach, she had appealed to ADC for more in the way of Beach Patrols to be advised there was no budget for them.<br><br>The Sand Dance: Julia resurrected the Sand Dance from years past. It turned out very well last year and the weather was very kind and the event is scheduled to be repeated again this coming season.<br><br>She advised that she would be attending FoSB's up-coming AGM very soon and confirmed that "Beach Cleans" will continue throughout the year. |

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| | Treasurer's report<br><br>Joss introduced our Finance Secretary, Val Veal, who confirmed SBRA's balance at the bank.<br><br>Both a Proposer and Seconder were requested from the floor to approve the Annual Accounts, subject to auditing as follows:<br><br>Proposed by Chris Bohea<br>Seconded by Giles Weston<br><br>Joss then asked the meeting to approve the re-appointment of Mr Mike Watts as Examiner of Accounts for SBRA. This was duly approved by show of hands.<br><br>The members of our Committee remained |
| | Re-appointment of SBRA Committee. The meeting confirmed the committee for the coming year. Officers will be appointed at the next committee meeting. |
| | Any other business: None. |
| THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.35 PM | |