SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2022
February 26th, 2022 at 12 Noon
Held at Church of the Good Shepherd Hall

AGENDA

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME: Cllr Joss Loader
Joss welcomed members, committee members and guests present to this year's AGM.

2.APOLOGIES: Cllr Dave Collins; Maurice Pitchford; Joan Moore.

3.APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES, 2021
Proposed by: Liza McKinney Seconded by: Josh Baxendale

4.REPORT FROM TIM LOUGHTON MP
Initially, Tim suggested that despite the poor news from Ukraine, he would keep to issues relating to Shoreham Beach. Delayed by the ongoing Covid crisis in 2021, SBRA's proposed visit to Parliament is now scheduled for April but Tim confirmed he is looking forward to the event.

Thankfully, although current Covid statistics for Shoreham are well down, he paid particular thanks to all medical staff in the area and especially at Worthing Hospital for their exceptional commitment during the crisis but the emphasis now is to catch-up with those whose medical issues that took a back-seat over the last two years.

Tim moved on to ADC's purchase of the land at New Salts Farm and how everyone should take advantage of the consultation on its re-wilding. On the same theme, he spoke optimistically about the previous sowing of the kelp farm off the Sussex coast that has won two grants from HM Government this year. He then highlighted the new proposal to increase the size of the Rampion windfarm with larger and taller wind turbines to offer the farm's output to be quadrupled in years to come.

The A27: Tim suggested that his recent meeting with National Highways was disappointing but the latest options will be published this year; there is no clear progress on the matter. Whilst referring to our major trunk road, he mentioned the matter of IKEA ,who is yet to finalise its proposals for the future of the current site. Tim suggests and strongly supports a new business park, as space specifically for business is hard to find, with the idea of complementing the nearby Ricardo business to enhance Shoreham as a "hi-tech" area, promoting fresh employment opportunities along the A27 corridor but also for Shoreham itself.

With Planning, he confirmed the Government's announcement of "growth zones" will not be going ahead after all. In this vein, Tim alluded to the complication of Shoreham's physical location of being squeezed between the Southdown National Park to the North and the river and sea to the South, obfuscating future room to grow.

Finally, Tim turned to sewage! Southern Water Services [SWS] has received poor press over the last few years but recent local problems brought this unease to a head: West Beach Estate in nearby Lancing. A long-term issue has been the area's sea-flood and constant ingress of salt water that finally corroded the sewers and sub-surface pipework to a point of collapse after storms. Homes, gardens and roads became overwhelmed. Tim met with SWS senior management on site to stress the genuine concerns of local homeowners and shop-keepers.

Tim highlighted his recent meeting with Michael Gove to discuss the ongoing and historic delays caused by the "outdated" A27 and, specifically, the traffic flows West of Worthing causing serious

delays elsewhere especially at junctions along the A27. He confessed that West Sussex's roads and the A27, in particular, were a considerable problem to solve and, surprisingly, that the planning system for roads precludes a right of appeal by both Councils and residents. Our audience appreciated our MP's address with applause.

5.REPORT FROM KEVIN BORAM
WSCC COUNCILLOR FOR SHOREHAM SOUTH.

Kevin commenced by highlighting the issues that he'd been involved with during the last year.

The second year of the Covid emergency affected services especially for care homes. Regarding children's services, Kevin alluded to a new model to be taken forward and he will be supporting Tim in this cause.

Cycle Lanes: Both he and Cabinet member Joy Dennis are continuing to work together on road-space and await an audit on this in concert with residents' parking zones with the likelihood of 14 - 1600 new flats planned along the A259 from Shoreham town along to the lighthouse.

The Adur Local Plan needs revision to account for various insufficiencies and a fresh update to meet new demands such as excessive car parking and, particularly, bike safety issues along Eastern Avenue and Middle Road.

He asked residents to look out for a new infrastructure & development plan in the coming months and on the Pond Road re-development: Kevin is investigating the apparent demise of the WSCC plan to rejuvenate the Doctors' surgery and Library.

On this theme of redevelopment, Kevin raised the ongoing issue of Boxpark 's proposals for Beach Green's redevelopment for a café/restaurant to replace the old toilet block. Immediately, hands were raised around the room. It's fair to say that this proposal holds serious concerns for residents and those especially, living in close proximity of the proposed scheme.

Residents local to Beach Green especially, and others, continued to query such issues as potential opening times; late-evening noise; haphazard car parking and the sale of alcohol, with such vigour that Tim, Kevin, and Joss Loader listened and interacted with genuine empathy. A statement by ADC to explain the development's latest position has been promised by the end of April.

Kevin took further questions about neighbours living adjacent to Air-BnB "party-houses "becoming more popular on the Beach. The confirmed that the UK currently lacks specific legislation to cope with this phenomenon other than neighbours needing to monitor and record nuisance and to report their concerns, in the first instance, to the Air BnB operator before approaching the Council.

Other members, from the floor, highlighted the lack of safe bike-racks; continuing issues with the Tidal Wall scheme and the recent very high-tide & flooding that caused concerns about who held the keys to the floodgates along the river at such times of heavy storms and high tides. The EA finally affirmed their responsibility.

Despite the new adaptations to the land behind the Sussex Yacht Club, Kevin suggested there remains a Right of Way issue still to be resolved. Also, ongoing issues at the Shoreham Sailing Club in Harbour Way: Kevin confirmed his awareness of various appeals to Shoreham Port, the land-owner, that the area remains unsafe from inundation, especially during high tides.

Finally, queries about the Beach's bus service; the separation of cyclists and pedestrians especially on the Adur Ferry bridge and the evolving concerns about electric scooters were suggested from the floor. Specifically, a parking issue highlighted along Old Fort Road near the Burrells Roundabout and the progress with re-writing new Byelaws in Shoreham were taken. Other concerns were aired but most required some form of regional or national planning decisions.

From the floor, Liza McKinney raised her concerns about Planning appeals.
Currently, planning applications are supported or refused by local Planning Authorities although declined schemes can be appealed. If so, the applicant is not liable for any appeal costs which fall entirely upon the local Planning Authority. Such costs are onerous if found against the Planning Authority.
Liza suggested that many of the resulting approvals might, over time, affect questionable or unwanted changes to the local street scene, especially oversized dwellings that are subsequently allowed on appeal. She suggested the system is beginning to undermine locally accepted design codes.
Liza, a previous Ward Councillor and Chair of Council, felt this process was in need of review and appealed to our MP for some support.

Tim suggested that he will look into this matter.

6. REPORT FROM JOSS LOADER
ADC DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR MARINE WARD.

Joss opened with a proposal for traffic-calming that SBRA has been considering recently. WSCC have declined the idea of physical traffic calming measures so SBRA formed a working group to suggest affordable alternatives.

At this point, she introduced Jonathan Sargent, who led our working group, to give the meeting a slide-presentation on the idea of Speed Identification & Detection Systems [SIDS]. Jonathan explained the slides and took several favourable questions from the floor. Finally, he asked for a show of hands from our assembled members to proceed with the expenditure for the SIDS as he'd explained. His proposal was well-received from the floor, so he suggested that SBRA will take the proposal forward with inputs from WSCC Highways, who, we know, are in favour of such equipment. At this point, Kevin advised that WSCC will approve the idea and will offer inputs as to suggested locations on the Beach.

Joss thanked Jonathan for his presentation.
Noting that much of her report had been covered by our previous speakers, Joss was happy to take questions from the floor. Joss reviewed the latest situation regarding our beaches, she confirmed an agreement with to offer beach patrols for weekends and more traffic wardens to operate here.

Regarding issues with cars, either casually parked on pavements and/or footpaths, or other questionable behaviours, often by visitors, Joss suggested it is a national problem requiring enforcement, however she will be working with Kevin Boram to see if any headway can be made with such issues.
She confirmed that extra refuse bins are now installed, especially on approach to our beaches and members may have seen SBRA's signage to encourage visitors to take surplus rubbish home. The question of a complete withdrawal of bins – to encourage visitors to take home their waste - was withdrawn.

Joss reported the latest advice regarding a likely refuse bin strike now threatened by the Unison & GMB unions.

Joss responded to questions from the floor on matters such as: future concessions for Beach Green for which Councillor Emma Evans is responsible. The generator that was used near the Beach Huts on the Green has now been refused in future.

Any further news, Joss will advise through her usual channels.

7.TREASURER'S REPORT
Joss introduced the Meeting to our new Treasurer, Val Veal. Val's first task was to return our Worthing banking back into Shoreham that will save the Association much time and effort and she negotiated more favourable terms at the same time. Joss thanked her for her work and energy.

7i. SBRA Annual Accounts:
Joss asked for a Proposer and Seconder to approve our Annual Accounts after asking the Meeting if there were any issues. There being none, John Charlish proposed and David Johnson seconded the Accounts that were approved accordingly.

7ii. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts:
Julia stood to advise that, as outgoing Treasurer, she can nominate a new Examiner of Accounts and that was proposed by John Charlish & Seconded by David Johnson and the Meeting approved.

8. Re-appointment of the SBRA Committee
Joss Loader asked our audience to approve a new Committee comprising:
Cllr. Joss Loader; Julia Watts; Joyce Willson; Val Veal; John Bradshaw; Liza McKinney; Maureen Ashley; Joshua Baxendale; Joan Moore; Jonathan Sargent; Joan Moore; David Johnson; Tony Wallington; Keith Fayers-Morrissey; Maurice Pitchford. This was agreed.

Proposed by: Joss Loader Seconded by: Julia Watts

9. ADOPTION of Candidate for next ADC Election for Marine Ward[MAY 2022]
Joss rose to propose Julia Watts to stand for the vacant seat on ADC's Marine Ward as an independent candidate to represent SBRA for in the upcoming May local elections. She then asked Julia to make a short address to the meeting.

Julia stood to thank the SBRA Committee for their support and gave a succinct account of her time on the Beach and SBRA as Treasurer and Deputy Chair. She asserted how enthusiastic she felt to preserve the integrity of the Beach and its residents, its businesses and charities.
She confirmed w how long she has resided here and her work for the Forum in its early stages of formation. She advised that she was an independent Tax Consultant working from her home and is looking forward to be able to being accessible to residents and to support and relieve some of Joss's workload.
Julia was then proposed by Cllr Joss Loader and Seconded Joy Hall. .
The show of hands in the room for Julia was unanimous.

Joss then thanked all who supported the meeting today and our guests on the platform, and having taken a short question from the floor under "any other business" to the satisfaction of the questioner, she declared there being no further business to transact, that the meeting was closed at 2.29pm.