SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The following is a summary of the minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held on April 1st, via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Proposed by: Keith Fayers-Morrissey & Seconded by Julia Watts.

MATTERS ARISING – SBNF REPORT:

Reference the Forum's Re-designation: a date has yet to be confirmed for this to go to ADC's Joint Strategic Committee.

ELECTION PLANNNG

SBRA's nomination form has been completed to the satisfaction of the council's elections team and Joss has hand-delivered the paper copy. Discussion followed about delivery of posters noting that there will be no direct door-knocking due to Covid-19.

BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE

Our Spring, 2021 Edition of Beach News has been delivered and Joss confirms it is set to make a small profit.

SOCIAL REPORT

Sadly, Joyce was unable to advise of any recent organised social activities for Beach residents because of the pandemic.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julia had circulated members with the latest financial position. Liza noticed that our balance was diminishing and raised the issue of the Association's historical adherence to "ring-fence" monies for a "fighting fund" should any future and relevant need arise. A discussion ensued and Joss and John suggested the fighting fund should continue to be ring-fenced at £10k. Joyce asked Julia about targeting the profit/loss of specific SBRA activities within the accounts. Julia explained the difficulties of this noting the size of our organisation. Our funds have diminished especially during the Covid emergency due to reductions in the Beach News' advertising income, a decision made by the committee in March 2020, to support our local traders whose own revenues had been so adversely hit. Equally, it has been SBRA's pleasure to support Beach organisations, such as the School, who received a £1k grant last year.

Our Bank stands at £14,496.37; cash in hand £56. There is outstanding BN revenue to be received and the BN printing invoice has yet to be received.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Maureen confirmed that Beach proposals were low at present. David reminded the committee that the decision over a particular exit on the new IKEA roundabout is yet to be finalised. He also updated on a small acreage that may be re-defined by ADC.

BEACH GREEN TOILET BLOCK:

Joss advised she had no further updates from Boxpark. However, she questioned ADC's decisions to allow 3 traders' concessions on the Green. She felt the Council's ruling had not been sufficiently publicised or discussed. This led to questioning the differentiation of types of trades wanting access to prime beach-front locations.

CLLR JOSS LOADER REPORTS:

Joss's previous email to Members asked them to review a licensing application for a "Legends" festival requested on the Adur Recreation Ground in July this year. SBRA will comment before the deadline.

Other issues highlighted by Joss were:

Continuing anti-social behaviour problems at both the Fort premises and Beach Green itself – in this, she liaised with Kevin Boram, WSCC councillor for Shoreham South.

Planters: residents in King's Walk have re-painted the very tatty, ex-council, planters and posts on the cycle route; SBR financed the cost of materials.

Travellers: Issues recently reported on Adur Rec. Joss has reiterated to the Council that all potential sites need to be regularly reviewed on a security basis, including Beach Green.

Bins: The council is monitoring, particularly in Ferry Road. SBRA has now placed notices on bins around the Beach appealing to visitors to use the bins only or take it home if bins are full and not just dump it!

Parking: Joss has been asked for regular warden patrols over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Swings: The swings were removed from Beach Green play area, on safety grounds, some months ago.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Pat also mentioned the Beach Green toilet block, whereby teenagers often climb on to the roof. Signage to keep off the roof is regularly ignored but now seems to have been removed altogether by vandals. The safety concerns have been reported to ADC.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:43pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MAY 13TH, 2021