Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the SBRA committee held on April 6th, 2023, at the Harbour Club.

APPROVAL OF MARCH, 2023 MINUTES: Proposed by John Bradshaw & seconded by Pat Hand.

MATTERS ARISING: Joss opened the meeting and spoke about the ingress of shingle, now cleared from the footpath at West Beach. She first reported this in February.

Secondary school places: Joss advised members regarding the ongoing issues. Tim Loughton MP and Cllr Kevin Boram are leading on this.

Grant Applications: SBRA reviews applications for local grants, especially if they are likely to benefit Beach residents, local charities and institutions. Joss highlighted her initiation of defibrillators across the Beach but also within the Lancing to Southwick area. Currently, there are four located on t he Beach itself.

The Committee decided to introduce some guidelines to enable members to consider local proposals even if they might not be initiated directly by our local residents. David Johnson agreed to draft a policy.

Members agreed to award £250 towards a current application for a series of art workshops offered by a Beach resident, aimed at the over 70s. The committee also agreed to award a further £250 towards a series of first-aid courses for residents. The church is giving free venue hire.

Beach News & Website: Joss advised the recently delivered Beach News [Spring 2023 edition] should more than cover its costs, despite ever-increasing costs of production, particularly the cost of paper. The website is up to date.

Social Report: Maggie Taylor was away for tonight's meeting. After a discussion amongst the Committee, a small working group has been established. This will comprise Julia, David and Maggie.

Financial Report: Our bank balance stood at £14,787. 59 on April 6th, pending payment of Beach News' invoices.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beach Planning updates: Maureen had circulated members prior to our meeting with details of current and ongoing applications. It has been noticed that electric vehicle charging points are in the process of being installed on Beach roads. Maureen highlighted a planning application for the "Shell" petrol station at the Saltings roundabout, who have applied for planning approval to install 12 electric charging points in the coming months.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Julia Watts reports:

Concessions: There was a lengthy discussion regarding concessions on the nature reserve. Further updates have been requested from ADC.

ADC's Parks & Foreshore ranger has drafted a letter to foreshore residents asking them not to drop garden waste; plant any plants nor store equipment outside beyond the boundaries of their gardens.

Frost's Application: Julia spoke against the Frosts's application at the planning meeting last month. This application was approved by 5 votes to 4.

Councillor Joss Loader reports:

Access ramp at Soldiers' Point: The EA have confirmed that they've identified a solution but timescales have yet to be confirmed.

Path running parallel to the Sailing Club: This is now closed, on safety grounds, due to erosion caused by last month's storms.

Bins: ADC is currently experiencing staffing issues and there are delays in emptying bins. They will move on to their daily rounds on May 1st, at the official start of the Summer season.

Graffiti: Issues are continuing, particularly in the town. Joss has recently requested the removal of graffiti in The Moorings; on the river wall by the footbridge; on the footbridge itself; Cheal Close; the skate park in Ham

Road; the Co-op store in Ham Road and the dental practice in East Street.

AOB: Josh raised the issue of installing alternative devices to monitor speed. Joss and Julia will raise with WSCC to see if they will recognise the data.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm - Next meeting on Thursday May 4th, 2023