The following is a summary of the minutes of the SBRA Committee Meeting on 5th February 2026 at the Harbour Club. These were approved at the March meeting.

Matters arising: AGM 7th March 2026 – Arrangements were confirmed, along with the attendance of Cllr Kevin Boram and Tom Rutland MP.

Beach News and Website - The next Beach News edition will be delivered by the end of March.

Social report (also see Councillor's reports): Summer Solstice event 20th June 2026, 4pm – 8pm on the beach behind the beach huts on Beach Green.
Julia has submitted a Temporary Event Notice and is currently checking availability of performers.
The Sponsors will get a mention in Beach News and will be allowed to hand cards out/ put up a banner.
Any donations not used on the event could be given to other community groups we work with.

Financial report: The cash sheet was circulated to all members.
SBRA received 'thanks' from the Church for the donation to the Youth Group.

Councillors' reports
Cllr Joss Loader reported:
Devolution - The Government has asked councils, impacted by Local Government Reorganisation, to consider postponing the May elections. These have subsequently been reinstated.
Public Toilets - After protracted lobbying, the Beach Green toilets have now been cleaned. We met a council finance officer to discuss costings for giving them an overhaul (repairs/maintenance, rather than capital costs). If the costs stack up, we will table an amendment at this month's full council meeting. If the budget amendment is approved this will help to make improvements. The beach hut and concession payments go into the General Fund and not allocated to the public toilets.
Potholes - Harbour Way is particularly bad at the moment and getting worse, with the lengthy spells of wet weather. I've reported again to WSCC.

Cllr Julia Watts reported:

Beach gardeners - We are planning to weed the grass out of the bed next to the Waterside on Saturday and one of Adur rangers has promised to provide more mulch for all our beds later this month ready for planting in spring.

FoSB - We arranged a flash beach cleaning event last month in response to the container spill all along the coast. This was covered by ITV and also an independent video maker made a short piece about FoSB and the event which we plan to show at our AGM. Still no response from the Parks team on our tree planting plans

Devolution - Joss and I continue to attend the working group on Devolution which is looking at how to bridge the gap between the community and the new unitary authority. If the Town Council was set up early enough, the assets could be retained.

Solstice/ Sand Dance – I've applied for a TEN for 20 June and spoken to a few potential acts (see also 5. Social report).

Next meeting Tuesday 10th March. Meeting ended 8.13pm.