The following is a summary of the minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held via Zoom on Thursday, January 4th, 2021.

1. **APPROVAL of NOVEMBER 2020 MINUTES:**
   Proposed by: Liza McKinney, seconded by: John Bradshaw

2. **MATTERS ARISING**: Joyce offered to deliver 2020's approved Minutes to Joss, who agreed and thanked her. Other matters – see item 9: Cllr Joss Loader's Report.

3. **BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE**: Joss, as Editor, confirmed that all web updates are now complete. The website will publicise the date of our AGM. Due to the pandemic, it will not be held physically but online via Zoom and necessary links will be offered.

4. **SOCIAL REPORT**: Joyce, who organises our AGM, will be asking committee members who usually display notices for the AGM for the sizes they need. Social media, the press and SBRA e-newsletter will also be used to advertise the Meeting. Joss has invited Tim Loughton MP and Cllrs Kevin Boram and David Collins. All have confirmed their attendance.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**: Vice Chair & Treasurer Julia Watts confirmed our bank balance and transactions. Julia will complete our year-end Accounts in February. Our new member, Jonathan Sargent, was advised about our methods regarding signatories for expenditures etc.

6. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

[i] Planning Applications: Maureen submitted a comprehensive list of outstanding planning issues for the beach at year-end.

[ii] Beach Green Toilets: General discussion ensued.

David Johnson highlighted that the use of the phrase: "an essence of beauty" could be considered in future planning applications should any rules be changed. David suggested a sub-committee to look at his and Joss asked him to lead on this. David then referred to the matter of the proposed, new roundabout for the IKEA development on the A27 that is being opposed by Lancing College. The Governors suggest that one of the new "exits' will not only cause some problems for them but might also encourage a "rat-run" as a short-cut towards Steyning. The matter is not yet resolved.

[iii] Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum: Joss advised Members that the deferred application for re-designation to ADC's Joint Strategic Committee is not on January's agenda.

7. COUNCILLOR JOSS LOADER REPORTS:

Community shopping scheme - This has been re-booted following the start of the latest period of lockdown. Two requests for help received this week for banking and shopping. She has completed both.

Public toilets - No further update regarding a start date for the public loo refurbishment at the Fort.

Shingle Removal - The EA carried out a further transfer Westwards to reinforce Lancing's beach. This involved using dumper trucks to move the shingle along the beach itself, rather than by road. Committee members' feedback was sought.

Concessions to mobile traders - Currently there are no concessions awarded on the beach but others are pending.

Work on the LNR - Further issues with work on the LNR as part of construction work. Joss has agreed with the Head of Planning that conditions should be imposed on all future consents to ensure that permission is sought before any work can start.

Flood Defence compensation - Still no movement with this and ongoing communications with the EA.

Erosion at Soldier's Point - There was significant erosion of the beach just north of the Sailing Club slipway. Joss notified the EA/SPA and emergency works were carried out. The whole issue of the gap in the defences is due to be scrutinised at JOSC on January 28th.

Taxis – Joss has requested a further meeting with the licensing team to assist the taxi trade during the latest lockdown.

Anti-social behaviour - Joss delivered letters, on behalf of the Police, to houses in the area around Shoreham Fort and we also shared this via our SBRA electronic newsletter. Residents are being urged to contact the Police immediately if they witness ongoing vandalism at the ancient scheduled monument.

Cycling - Improvements have been agreed at the western entrance to the cycle path that runs south of Beach Green. This will involve refurbishing the planters and removing surplus posts.

Twitten running from Harbour Way to the beach behind the Sailing Club - concerns have been raised about the muddy surface. SPA is investigating the installation of a hard surface to make it easier for walkers. No start date as yet.

Food Bank Appeal - As previously advised, the food bank thanked SBRA and the CoGS for running the single, most successful-ever donation effort at the beginning of December. Thanks to all involved. We plan to run the next appeal at the end of January/early February.

Remembrance Sunday - SBRA purchased a wreath and this was laid at the CoG' memorial by Joss, on behalf of the community.

Gifts - As agreed we purchased gifts for Bob Toon and Tony Parker at SPA. I delivered to both and thanks have been received.

Christmas cards - Purchased and written to all stakeholders and BN distributors (non-committee members). Thanks to John for his support with distribution.

No further update regarding byelaws application.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

John Bradshaw reported that he'd found quantities of foam dumped. Joss will report to the refuse team for removal..

David Johnson raised the subject of Air-BnB – recently launched on the New York stock exchange – and necessarily offered the idea of a "Coastal Strategy" particularly for the Beach community following its "invasion" by visitors that our residents experienced last Summer when the first lockdown ceased. Members engaged with their experiences: overcrowding/lack of social distancing; littering; BBQ's on the beach left smouldering after use; the state of public toilets here; ad hoc parking of vehicles that obstructed buses and emergency service vehicles etc. and poor occupation of Beach car parks. In general, our residents faced unsociable, unacceptable behaviour by some visitors and referenced one specific day when the Beach became grid-locked.

Some solutions were suggested by the meeting, especially Joshua who

offered a beach safety inspection that RNLI may be able to offer. Joshua will investigate further and report back. Joss will talk again to relevant officers.

There being no further business, Joss declared the meeting over at 8.32pm.

SBRA's AGM – by Zoom on February 27th - details to follow.

Next Committee Meeting: February 4th by Zoom

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