Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2022, MINUTES: Proposed by: Pat Hand
Seconded by: John Bradshaw

MATTERS ARISING:
SIDS [Speed Indicator Devices] - Early in 2022, SBRA proposed the fitting of SIDS on Beach hotspots where excess speeding has been historically evident.

We approached WSCC, as the Highways Agency, and Sussex Police for their comments. No adverse comments were received so, we formed a sub-committee to gather intelligence to consider a proposal that was offered to our Members by way of a presentation at our 2022 AGM. The majority were in favour.

Unfortunately, WSCC has now set out new criteria which means that this scheme is no longer financially viable or practicable. This is deeply regrettable and we are writing to them, to register our disappointment and concern.

We will continue to update everyone via Beach News and the SBRA website.

BOXPARK - there is no further information to report, since the update that was included in November's Beach News. Joss and Julia continue to press for updates.

CHRISTMAS EVENT - This was a new proposal from Councillor Julia Watts who organised it with assistance from Joss, Joyce and David Johnson, plus the involvement of the Shoreham Singers by sea choir. Beside a Christmas tree near the Waterside public house, a programme of carols was enjoyed by residents and passers-by. MP Tim Loughton attended and the gathering was enhanced by a professional female singer. Seasonal food and drinks were made available. Deemed a success, SBRA are likely to repeat the event next Christmas.

FOOD BANK - Joss reported on the success of the Food bank collections, jointly organised by SBRA in partnership with the Church of the Good Shepherd. It was decided that SBRA will support this service with future financial contributions, to follow up the £500 donation made in December.

SBNF AGM - We are advised that the Shoreham Beach' Neighbourhood Forum's AGM will be held ADC's premises on January 19th at 7pm and all members will be welcome.

LIZA McKINNEY has recently been honoured by ADC for her hard work and time as a Councillor and Chair of the Council in previous years with the title of Honorary Alderman.

Liza suggested to the meeting that, honoured as she is with the title, she felt that the important role of SBRA as a political party over the years, prompted this honour.

Jonathan Sargent spoke for members by politely suggesting that her well-deserved honour was mainly down to her own sheer hard work and dedication to Beach residents and Adur District Council over the years. Members warmly concurred with affirmation and applause.

BEACH NEWS AND WEBSITE - The next issue will be publicised in the middle of March and the website is currently being updated.

Cllr JOSS LOADER'S REPORT:
PLANNING: Joss confirmed that she had spoken at last month's Planning committee re 51 Old Fort Road. The revised application was approved.

SCHOOL LIBRARY: As Julia also reported, the Beach Primary School assembly was a lovely event.

GRAFFITI: This is a continuing issue. Please report any incidents that you spot via ADC's on-line reporting tool and the Council normally removes it very quickly.

SHOREHAM FORT: More anti-social behaviour has been reported in the car park. Members discussed.

DEFIBRILLATORS: Joss arranged for the AEDs at Ferry Road and outside the church hall in King's Walk to have replacement batteries, after the original ones went flat. Joss thanked Val for arranging the payments.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Julia and Joss attended the service at the Church of the Good Shepherd on November 13th and laid a wreath, on behalf of the community, at the war memorial in King's Walk.

VICE CHAIR OF ADC: Joss's appointment was confirmed by full council on December 15th.

SHOREHAM & ADUR FOODBANK APPEAL: We had a phenomenal response to this and record amounts were donated. Joss also purchased £200 worth of food and £300 worth of Co-op vouchers on behalf of SBRA. Food bank volunteers, Alex Robertson and Dai Hudd asked Joss to pass on their sincere thanks.

HONORARY ALDERWOMAN – Finally, it was lovely to see the Council confer the title of Honorary Alderwoman on Liza McKinney, in thanks and recognition of her 16 years of service as our councillor and two-year term as Chair of ADC. All serving councillors supported the conferment and recorded their thanks.

Cllr JULIA WATTS' REPORT

FoSB: We ran a successful beach cleaning event on 27th December from the Fort. Turnout was good despite it being windy and cold. FoSB mentioned they would like to see some more information boards for the Nature Reserve.

CHRISTMAS EVENT: This went really well. Thanks to all involved. Next year, we would need more song sheets and more sleigh bells.

BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Refer to Joss's report. Additionally, the school is seeking funds to build a new library. Julia has emailed Cllr Kevin Boram to ask about s106 funding.

SHINGLE REMOVAL: Joss and Julia met Mackleys and the EA to discuss the most recent shingle removals. They walked the length of the beach to look at the space the lorries would use.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Tony asked if a member with a smart phone could report a serious pothole in Old Fort Rd. Julia to action.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2022