Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the SBRA committee meeting, held on June 1st at the Harbour Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 2023: Proposed by: Pat Hand
Seconded by: Joan Moore

MATTERS ARISING: There have been two resignations in the past month - from Jonathan Sargent and Maggie Taylor. Joss thanked both residents for their support. She particularly thanked Jonathan for helping to drive forward the Speed Indicator Device project and for his energy and commitment.

Joss and Julia updated the committee regarding the latest Beach Green proposals for the toilet block. ADC has yet to confirm the dates for public consultation - see councillors' reports below for more information.

Grant proposals. David Johnson circulated a draft policy for discussion, prior to the meeting. Various amendments were agreed.

BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE: Beach News will be back from the printers mid July, with circulation from the week beginning July 16th. 10,000 subscriptions envelopes will be ordered.

SOCIAL REPORT: Following Maggie Taylor's resignation, Julia has agreed to act as lead organiser for the Sand Dance, scheduled for either September 1st or 2nd. David Johnson to assist.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Val circulated the latest spreadsheet via email.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: Maureen circulated the latest planning updates via email.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT: Reports were circulated by Cllrs Joss Loader and Julia Watts.
Julia reported that:
FOSB's flower walk was very well attended with over 50 participants. If anyone would like to help with clearing of invasive species, let her know as there is often a clearing party arranged.

Beach Green - Julia attended the evening session of the consultation arranged by Alex Coombes of 'The Perch' and Joss attended the afternoon event. Joss and Julia met officers from ADC last Friday to discuss consultation and future plans.
Shoreham beach Neighbourhood Forum - Julia met Mike Whelan last week to discuss the NP and its future. They went through the key points in the plan and agreed that they would refer it to Moira Hayes at ADC to see how much could be incorporated into the updated local plan. Joss and Julia also met Mike W together.
Speed indicator cameras - Julia is still waiting for the officer from WSCC to get back to her and she has chased this up.
Policing on the beach - Joss and Julia met the PCSO, Isobel and Laura at the Fort last week. They discussed the practice of 'donutting' in the Fort car park and at Beach Green and other anti social behaviour. They met a resident from the houseboats at Beach Green who has been disturbed late at night by young drivers playing loud music and driving around in circles. They suggested that she regularly reported to the police via the 101 online reporting tool.
Sand Dance - Julia is leading on this and will obtain consents from ADC.
Travellers' incursion - Joss was called out to a travellers' incursion on Adur Rec, after our last meeting. The Police moved them on fairly swiftly but there was damage to the Rec and trees.
A259 pedestrian crossing - After six years' campaigning, we are now going to apply for a crossing by the Dogs Trust. Cllr Kevin Boram has indicated his support. Thanks to resident Jo Parsons for her perseverance and to Joyce and Joan for attending meetings. We received press coverage in the Herald. Even if approved, the crossing is unlikely to be in place before 2024/25.
Grass cutting - Joss received a number of reports regarding WSCC's somewhat irregular grass cutting progress. Some green spaces and verges have now been cut. ADC has yet to cut Beach Green after "no mow" May.
Disability ramp at The Fort - Joss attended a meeting with the EA today (Tuesday) and work is due to start on June 26th, weather permitting (now delayed). After a three-day resurfacing programme, the ramp will hopefully reopen.
Gas work replacement work - The compound has been relocated from Falcon Close to the Harbour Way off-road parking area.
Concessions - Julia and Joss are due to do a walk around on June 9th with senior officers from ADC to reiterate the need to protect the LNR.

Food Bank appeal - This took place over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend.
On a personal note, Joss was pleased to be re-elected as Vice-Chair of ADC on May 18th for a further year. Joss was also re-appointed as Chair of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 5th. 7pm at the Harbour Club