Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held at the Harbour Club on March 9th, 2023.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY, 2023 MINUTES: Proposed by Jonathan Sargent; Seconded by John Bradshaw.

APPOINTMENT of OFFICERS:
Chair: Councillor Joss Loader
Vice-Chair: Councillor Julia Watts
Treasurer: Val Veal
Minutes Secretary: Tony Wallington
Social Secretary: Maggie Taylor
Proposed by Jonathan Sargent; Seconded by Liza McKinney. Agreed unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING:
AGM feedback: Both of our guests, Tim Loughton MP and WSCC Councillor, Kevin Boram reported on issues local to Shoreham and fielded a good level of questions from the floor; as did our ADC Councillors Joss Loader and Julia Watts who both spoke on matters specific to the Beach. School provision was a common concern amongst all our speakers.

Beach Green: We understand that the planning consent for Beach Green has now expired and that ADC will be consulting with the Community regarding the way forward.

Joss is aware that shingle is still spilling across the pavement at Mardyke but the beach itself has been re-instated after the transfer of shingle by heavy plant from the Harbour Arm end. Joss will follow up again with ADC.

Following Joyce Willson's retirement as Social Secretary, Joss opened a discussion for Maggie Taylor to lead as Social Secretary, noting the work ably executed by Joyce and her team.

Members present offered Maggie their assistance and advice.

Julia is keen to revive the Sand Dance and David reiterated the need for a long-lead time to ensure effective organisation.

Likewise, the committee agreed that a small Working Group should be set up, led by Maggie. Members will be sought by email.

BEACH NEWS AND WEBSITE: As Editor, Joss confirmed the next issue of Beach News is with the printers and is due for delivery by March 17th.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Val advised our funds at £15665.83. Our final Accounts were audited and subsequently approved at the AGM.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Beach Planning updates: Maureen had previously circulated members by email report.

At present the list is quiet so some members raised issues about general planning intricacies and delays witnessed on the Beach in recent times. Joss clarified why and how some concerns are handled by ADC Planning. Her assistance was most helpful regarding "character" and "conformity".

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: Councillor Joss Loader.
Graffiti: We had a spate of offensive and widespread graffiti on residential walls around the Beach Primary School last Friday evening, March 3rd. There was also widespread "tagging" in Old Fort Road and surrounding streets.

ADC responded very quickly to my reports and were clearing this off by 9am on the following Monday morning. Graffiti is a big issue at the moment – please report via the ADC website or let Julia and me know asap.

Former Howard Kent site: as previously advised, Joss addressed the planning committee on Monday evening and this application was again refused.

School Places - Secondary school provision continues to be a huge issue locally although Beach Primary School has not been badly affected. Julia to attend a public meeting on March 16th as Joss is at JOSC.

Beach Dreams - This will not go ahead this year but has been deferred to 2024.

NB: Cllr Julia Watts was on holiday so all issues were covered by Joss.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10PM - NEXT MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 6th at 7pm.