Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following are the draft minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held at the Harbour Club on October 3rd, 2024.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2024 MINUTES: Proposed by: Val Veal and seconded by: Joan Moore. Approved.

MATTERS ARISING: Joss opened with her appeal to support the Shoreham Beach food bank collection this coming weekend at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE: Joss advised the winter issue will be available from mid November. John was thanked for his hard work in leading the distribution process for many years.

SOCIAL REPORT: Julia advised that SBRA won't be running a Christmas event this year but she is helping to coordinate Light Up Shoreham on December 13th.
FINANCIAL REPORT: Val Veal confirmed our funds standing at £12565.16.
PLANNING: It remains fairly quiet with Marine ward applications.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: Cllr. Julia Watts:
Julia attended two Planning meetings in September.
BINS: There have been complaints on social media this month that dog bins are not being emptied quickly enough. Joss and Julia have been monitoring these and the ones this side of the river seem to be coping well. There have been complaints regarding the condition of some bins – including rusting posts and broken lids. The bin in Falcon Close has been replaced, and Joss requested inspections at Winterton Way & King's Walk.
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MODEL AT ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL: ADC is re-shaping its services based on a 'neighbourhood' model and has a 'neighbourhood' team. This team acts as a funnel to other services so that residents can, more easily, access help; advice and services and that the Council can manage questions, complaints and reports.
ISSUES: We are all encouraged to use Adur's reporting tool – https://www.adur.gov.uk/report-it/ to report issues with pretty much any service provided by ADC and some directed to the WSCC website where, for instance, it is an issue with roads or anything connected with roads.
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: St Mary de Haura is running its very popular Christmas tree festival from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December.

Councillor Joss Loader:
REINSTATEMENT of the Path behind the Sailing Club: SPA have advised that the EA doesn't plan to start re-enforcing the beach until January. Joss questioned the timing as the weather is likely to be poor. Response awaited.
BEACH PATROLS: We are continuing to work with the new Cabinet member for the Environment, Cllr Jude Harvey, to try to secure some sort of enforcement presence next year. As always, funding is an issue.
SEWAGE TANKERS: There were a number of issues with parked tankers on the Beach during the recent sewer replacement in Ravens Road in the town.
SHINGLE TRANSFER: SPA is planning a two-week shingle transfer from November 4th.
BEACH DREAMS: A licensing application has been received by ADC for the sale of alcohol during next year's proposed festival. No dates have been confirmed at present. Joss raised no objection on behalf of SBRA as the hours are reasonable and it's a popular community event.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: A short discussion ensued amongst Members regarding news that the leaders of both East & West Sussex had recently met to discuss issues about a "Mayor of Sussex"? and other 'devolution' issues. Nothing is agreed at this early stage.

The next Meeting is provisionally set for 7pm Thursday November 14th. 2024