Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held on September 6th, 2023 at the Harbour Club.

Approval of July Minutes.
Proposed by: John Bradshaw. Seconded by: Val Veal

Matters arising: Joss advised that the disability ramp has now been opened at Soldiers' Point.

Noise complaints at the Kingston Wharf site have been ongoing;Joss has arranged a meeting with the developers to discuss.

Beach News & Website: As Editor, Joss confirmed that the website is up to date and that work has started on the Winter edition, quoting a copy date of October 10th for Beach News with delivery towards the end of November. John Bradshaw remarked that he has hopefully now found a delivery person for the Emerald Quay complex. Joss wished to thank him, Val, Pat, Joyce & Joan for their time and hard work in delivering the collection of subs due recently. Members concurred.

Social Report: Joss asked Julia for a report on the recent Sand Dance venture. Julia was congratulated by members who attended and there was a lot of goodwill among those residents who came along in and indeed she and Joss have picked up on more and favourable comments post the event.

The weather was quite exceptional which encouraged the high attendance. Music was provided by bands and a sand-castle competition, organised by the church, went down well.

Each of the bands who performed were very encouraged and have volunteered to attend any future events. Julia and Joss thanked the Church for their support and selling drinks. She strongly suggested that in future a working group will need to be formed to spread the load of managing the process.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Val Veal circulatedthe monthly report.

Sub-Committee Reports: Planning: Circulated online by Maureen Ashley to members noting her absence tonight. Among the items highlighted, four, especially were raised and discussed.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr. Julia Watts:

FoSB had a very successful 'family beach exploration day' last month. We had about 75 participants and some new members. FoSB are arranging a beach clean morning on October 1st from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

FoSB have been invited to exhibit at the "World of Widewater" event on 23rd September between 12Noon and 3pm. FoSB's AGM is scheduled for March 4th, 2024.

Julia was mostly organising a Sand Dance this month [see item 5 above]. She reported: There were some 350 attendees; one lost dog, a purse and a missing chair all of which were reunited with owners. The Church had to replenish a bottle of Pimm's during the evening. A sand castle competition was well received even though the sand was quite wet but there was little or no rubbish left on the Beach by the following morning. All the children attending seemed to enjoy the evening and the performers put on a very professional show for one and all. I've had a lot of positive comments about the whole event. My sincere thanks to all who helped with this event.

WSCC are running a consultation with a view to introducing residents parking in Shoreham Town.

Memorial plaque: Maurice Pitchford's memorial plaque is now in situ. Josh Baxendale kindly put it up for us.

Bucket & Spade library: Julia will bring in the B&S library for the Winter when the weather breaks. She bought some more for the sandcastle building at the Sand Dance to replenish our stock and we have had lots of generous and largely anonymous donations to the box over the Summer.

Litter & Bins: Julia had some complaints following this weekend that the litter bins were overflowing in Ferry Road. She did a quick clear up with some rubber gloves and a sack in advance of the official collection. We could do with some pizza box-shaped bins. She will investigate.

Today and yesterday the 'Surfers against sewage' app is showing a spill here at Shoreham which is not registered not registered on SOUTHERN WATER'S 'beachbuoy' app. We have referred this to Southern Water and the Environment Agency.

Cllr. Joss Loader reports:
The disability ramp at Soldiers Poinreopened on July 31st.

Beach Green Toilet Block: No real news with this - it was not presented to ADC's informal cabinet as expected

WSCC: The Council have accepted my Community Highways Scheme application for a new pedestrian crossing on the A259 near the Dog's Trust. They will determine this in the Spring.

Road Closure: The road closure on OFR, just East of the Burrells roundabout, is causing issues. She raised this directly with the utility company who improved the diversion signage. She has also flagged safety concerns to the Police.

She will be running a food bank, in conjunction with the Church of the Good Shepherd, on September 30th/October 1st.

She attended a meeting re the sea wall at Sussex Wharf. This was discussed amongst members

ADC is requesting feedback about its proposals to use land at the Northern end of Adur Rec. The feedback relates to land usage rather than a formal consultation. If successful, it will pave the way for a cycle/pump track.

She attended a social event at Beach Green on Saturday, aimed at raising awareness of the plight of the vulnerable residents. I shared this with our database last month, via the e-newsletter.

Joss was elected Chairman of Worthing Cat Welfare Trust at their AGM last Saturday.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Pat reported on the over-grown state of the pathway behind the Quay Court flats and, also the disabled ramp: she suggested the slab needs to be reinstated at the bottom to aid beach access.

Tony asked if the disused BT telephone box in Ferry Road could be removed to facilitate pedestrian traffic there. The footpath is already squeezed by the 'Eateries' and the Mobility store that all restrict pedestrian space there. A consultation is ongoing and SBRA will log its comments.

Meeting ended at 8.52pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday, October 5th, 2023