

**Shoreham Beach Residents' Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on**  
**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the Shoreham Beach Residents' Association AGM. A full version is available on request and the minutes will be presented and formally adopted at next year's AGM.

**1 Approval of the AGM minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014**

Approved – Proposed by Tony Wallington, seconded by Barry Clarke.

**3 Tidal Walls Scheme** (tabled out of order)

Keely Mowatt from the Environment Agency gave a presentation about the Tidal Walls Scheme, a £25m scheme to protect communities on Shoreham Beach, Shoreham town and in Lancing. Currently the works are at the stage of final design, which needs to be completed by the end of March 2015. The environmental assessment is planned to end in June. Planning application is scheduled for July with works put out to tender Autumn 2015, works starting early 2016 with completion early 2018.

Discussion and questions followed. Joss Loader asked for a running order for the works but was told this was not possible until after the tender process. Mike Wooldridge stated that houseboat owners were pleased with the redesign of the towpath but queried the economic justification for the works. Keeley stated that the works had an economic quotient of 168%, which was far higher than that necessary to secure the funds. Rosalind Turner queried the comprehensibility of the plans for residents. Keeley stated that landscape architects were in the process of being involved and that a 3D model would be available for the next round of consultation. Mike Wooldridge queried whether mains sewage connection for the houseboats could be part of the works. Keeley replied that piping would be included in the towpath works but sewage was the responsibility of Southern Water. Liza McKinney urged for pressure to be put on the water company.

**2 Chairman's annual review and report.**

Joss Loader identified the Ferry Road works and the marketing of Beach Green as major issues and urged the MP and councillors attending to address these. The other major issue identified was the Neighbourhood Plan. Dawn Clenton-Sparey was introduced as the chair of the Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Planning Forum. Joss (who vice-chairs the forum) informed the meeting of a survey which would be sent to households imminently and asked for support in taking forward the vision. Dawn asked for community involvement in the plan, which it is aimed to get into place by November 2015. Before adoption there will be a full referendum.

Following questions and discussion, Joss ended by thanking formally the SBRA independent district councillors, Liza McKinney and Ben Stride; the SBRA committee, particularly John Bradshaw for the distribution of Beach News; Dawn Clenton-Sparey and the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum and the

voluntary groups on the beach including Friends of Shoreham, Beach, the Friends of Shoreham Beach and the National Coastwatch Institution.

#### **4 Tim Loughton MP**

Tim began by thanking the Environment Agency, stating that he was impressed by their consultation. He also thanked the Rev Gail Souppouris who recently retired, district councillors Liza McKinney and Ben Stride, and congratulated the SBRA on the quality of Beach News.

Tim expressed his frustration at lack of action on the Ferry Road scheme and failed to see why the footbridge exit at least had not been completed. Tim has met with Southern Water about sewage reported at sea and is now working with the water authority for a protocol for cleaning spills plus a procedure for a high volume spill. He expressed satisfaction at the proposed boardwalk extension.

Some discussion took place on the scheduled concert at the airport. He applauded the neighbourhood plan, stressing appropriate development on the Beach and stated that the draft Adur Local Plan was with the inspector at present. Tim congratulated the FoSF volunteers and urged further funding for the fort. He discussed the £350,000,000 earmarked for the A27 improvements which are currently in the design stage and described his involvement in the A27 action group which hopes to combine all interested parties to coalesce behind a single favoured route. Questions included further information about sewage and the Rampion Wind Farm. Tim confirmed that the wind farm has all necessary permissions and is scheduled to begin building in 2016 or 2017.

#### **5 County Councillor Mick Clarke**

Mick began with general issues. He reported on travellers camping at Shoreham Fort and went on to parking. He admitted that double yellow lines recently painted at the eastern end of the Beach had been wrongly sited and that the suggested parking restrictions outside of The Longshore had yet to progress but flagged up the cost of completing. Overwhelming opinion of the meeting was that the restrictions (which involve joining up two existing stretches of double yellow lines) should be put in place as a matter of urgency because of the difficulty leaving the Beach at certain times of day. Mick assured the meeting that he would endeavour to ensure that restrictions would be in place before the next AGM.

The main area of discussion was the non-completion of the Lower Beach Road and Ferry Road landscaping scheme. Mick read a statement stating the situation as he saw it. He stated that a final plan would be available for viewing before the CLC meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Heated discussion followed with the opinion of the meeting being that all politicians should stop political posturing, get together and make the improvements happen. Joss stressed that the Marine Ward independent district councillors had spent many hours trying to resolve the situation.

#### **6 Councillors' reports – Cllr Liza McKinney & Cllr Ben Stride.**

**Cllr Liza McKinney** reported that there would be no increase in council tax and stated that joint working between Adur and Worthing had enabled considerable

savings. She expressed her support for the neighbourhood plan especially as concerned the eco-friendliness and appropriateness of new builds. Liza also stated that Adur Recreation Ground was included in the ward, and therefore is included in the neighbourhood plan in order to safeguard it as an asset for the whole community. She expressed her satisfaction that following protests about the original marketing the Adur Councillors and Joss Loader representing the SBRA were invited to agree to the new marketing strategy. Liza stated her opinion regarding the Ferry Road improvements. The Festival at the airport was discussed and Liza stressed the necessity of monitoring its effect on the local community. During discussion it was established that the promoters (SJM) were planning a public meeting at Shoreham Academy on the 25<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30 – 9pm. Other questions concerned the sale of land by the Saltings roundabout, which was unlikely to get planning permission for building; and community buses, which Liza confirmed were to continue.

**Cllr Ben Stride** gave an indication of the high number of planning applications made for the Beach. He also spoke about the airport festival, stating that there would be a debrief meeting within two months of the festival taking place. He supported the neighbourhood plan. He emphasised that the Ferry Road/Lower Beach Road scheme now has a petition of 1390 signatures asking for its completion and urged members of the public to attend the CLC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at St Peter's School, Sullington Way. Ben informed the meeting that the Beach Green expressions of interest close on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and that the Boardwalk extension was about to go out to tender and work should begin in May or June 2015. He also talked about his recent visit to the Adur waste site and offered to take interested members of the public with him on his next visit.

Keith Manaton was thanked for organising the petition.

## **7 Treasurer's report**

Joss informed the meeting that Keith Fayers-Morrissey had resigned as treasurer (though he would remain a member of the committee) and introduced Julia Watts as the new treasurer. Joss proposed a formal vote of thanks to Keith and this was unanimously agreed.

### **7a Reappointment of examiner of accounts (Mr Mike Watts) – Agreed**

**7b Annual accounts** – Julia presented the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 which had been prepared by Keith. Following a proposal by David Johnson, seconded by Barry Clarke, the accounts were accepted.

**8 Re-appointment of SBRA Committee** – Agreed that the SBRA committee would comprise John Bradshaw, Keith Fayers-Morrissey, David Johnson, Pat Hand, Joss Loader, Joan Moore, Maurice Pitchford. Barry Silsby, Julia Watts, Joyce Willson. Cllrs McKinney and Stride will continue as ex-officio members. Proposed by Teri Jezeph, seconded by Mike Wooldridge.

## **9 Any Other Business**

Mike Wooldridge, Slipways Committee, outlined the background to, and justification for a new slipway. The favoured location is Adur recreation ground,

which has space for parking and allows access to the river except at low tide. The Environment Agency will co-ordinate the build if funding of £120,000 is in place. Both district councillors support the plan. Motion to support Adur recreation ground as a location for a new slipway was carried by a large majority. Proposed by David Johnson, seconded by Liza McKinney.

Joss Loader raised the possibility of community involvement in the Beach Green public toilet development. Discussion took place concerning parking, consultation and whether the community could hold the lease. A "right to bid" must be expressed by March 31. Interested residents to pursue, led by Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum which is a designated body. Cllr McKinney stressed that public loo provision would have to be included in any scheme.

Gary Baines (FoSF) confirmed that although it was scheduled on the same weekend as the airport music festival, the Military History Weekend at Shoreham Fort would be going ahead as planned and urged the community to support it.

Meeting closed at 4.38pm.