

**SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2PM., FEBRUARY 22ND, 2020
at the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall**

MINUTES

The following is a summary of the draft minutes. These will be presented to the 2021 AGM for approval.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Chair and Councillor Joss Loader welcomed our audience of approximately 70 members and thanked them for their ongoing support and attendance, acknowledging the presence of Chairs from other Beach community organisations.

2. Apologies for absence:

Joss advised the absence of:
MP Tim Loughton and Cllr Dave Collins Ashley. The Committee welcomed the presence of new member Joshua Baxendale.

3. Approval of AGM Minutes Feb 23rd 2019

Proposed by Jackie Woolcock [FoSB]
Seconded by David Johnson.
Approved unanimously by show of hands.

4. Shoreham South WSCC Councillor Kevin Boram

Kevin opened with a brief resume of his work during the previous year and advised the WSCC Committees that he was now a member of:
Health & Adult Services Delivery
Performance & Finance
Climate change & Environment – [Chair]*

Noting his membership of these key committees, he encouraged residents to contact him about their concerns.

The Climate Change committee embraced the formulation of strategy for the Council to become carbon neutral by 2030. He has been impressed by Council-sponsored junior invitees and their energy and input.

Roads & movement:

Kevin acknowledged residents' concerns over poor management of traffic issues both from the authority and stakeholders. He confirmed his attendance at the up-coming

“Transport Summit” – to be chaired by Tim Loughton MP – to assess recent road works that caused such congestion and agreed with a comment from the floor that construction works also need better management. Joss Loader is also due to attend.

The Beach TRO [Traffic Regulation Order] is approved but he and Joss flagged issues with ADC’s enforcement.

Burrscroft: the site is now cleared. The local doctors’ surgery and library and Pond Road are in need of regeneration and possible pedestrianisation.

Kevin took a number of questions from the floor and assisted by Joss on Beach issues:

Bus routes and time-keeping problems.
Boxpark and the Beach Green parking.
St Mary de Haura’s height as a construction benchmark.
The A259 density and pinch-points through the town.
Poor public transport & the future of electric cars.
Hi-rise construction and road specification issues.

The Beach’s children’s home threw up questions of concern and he updated members on the poor outcomes for inhabitants some of whom have been scattered far and wide as other homes have been closed. Both Kevin & Joss promised to report back to residents
Air’BnB’ multiple occupation issues on the Beach

Kevin spoke for 25 minutes and was thanked by Joss for his attendance and contribution.

5. Report by District Councillor, Joss Loader, Chair of SBRA.

Joss opened with the ongoing issue of the Boxpark redevelopment of the Beach Green toilets and the delays with starting works.

Work must commence within three years or Boxpark forego the Planning approval.

Joss chose to take questions from the floor throughout her address.

A question was raised about the Forum’s Design Code and its apparent support for the Boxpark development. This led to associated discourse about Cllr Collins’ withdrawal from

participating in deciding the Boxpark application at the October Planning committee and why Joss was prevented from substituting for him. Further, SBRA's foray into and withdrawal from the Beach Green TVG process two years previously was covered by Julia Watts, Treasurer.

A concern was raised about the proximity of the Green's beach huts to the new Boxpark build. Joss was able to advise accordingly.

Bin Collections: A few complaints but most residents seem content but issues with some blocks of flats remain. The quantity, size and location of bins especially during the Summer months was mentioned and Joss reported the change has apparently led to a 14% reduction in waste and a less costly collection service. People have been seen using public bins when private waste exceeds capacity at home and Joss advised the use of the free Council bin audits that could alleviate this to some extent.

Boardwalk extension to start shortly: Ferry Road to Beach Green.

Flood defences/EA: outstanding problems were listed and explained and Tim Loughton has been kept advised and will intervene if progress is not forthcoming.

Shoreham Fort: Joss expressed her thanks to Chairman Gary Baines and Secretary Sharon Penfold on behalf of all residents and for their co-operation with FoSB. She confirmed her support for the planning application for the WWI trench project and she spoke on their behalf at a recent planning committee meeting. Gary spoke from the floor to suggest this work will not start before September for ecological reasons. The Fort remains desperate for more volunteers and "spreading the word" measures were discussed across the floor. Police have been involved with Fort car park issues recently and Gary encouraged residents to report crime.

Joss's Defibrillator Appeal has now closed. She confirmed 16 have been installed across the District (a further is pending) with the highest density on the Beach and in Lancing. Thanks were offered to her from the floor with wide applause.

Planters: SBRA acquired four from ADC last year and have been offered three located on the Ropetackle roundabout! Rather a logistical nightmare and impossible to collect so the Association is investigating others from various sources.

Motor Homes: illegal parking continues and ad hoc "campsites" crop up across the beach and district. It is a WSCC issue and KB

commented that the Law is simply too archaic to cope. He and Joss have asked ADC for a meeting to discuss the possibility of implementing a Public Space Protection Order.

SBRA Social activity: Joss spoke for all the Committee and residents in thanking Joyce Willson and her constant helpers: Joan Moore and Pat Hand, for all their dedication and hard work in organising outings and events with consideration and concern for all residents of the Beach.

Joss spoke for 40 minutes

6. Treasurer's Report, for 2019. Julia Watts

Treasurer, Julia Watts stood to explain the Association's financial position for year ending 31 December, 2019. The audience was offered paper copies of the Accounts on arrival and Julia fielded various questions from the floor.

The year finished with a modest profit of £323.00 and the Association's balance sheet stands at £16,596. Cash in hand stood at £48.00 at year end. She mentioned the Association's support of £200.00 for FoSB's exhibition at the Marlipins museum during the year. She asked members wanting to finance some kind of community project should always to consider an approach to SBRA who will assess the nature of the cause and possible financial support. Beach News' advertising receipts were up 12% on 2018.

6.1 Re-appointment of Examiner of Accounts

Joss stood to thank Julia for her support through the year as both Vice-Chair and Treasurer. The meeting was asked to re-appoint our examiner, Mr Mike Watts.

Proposed by: Joshua Baxendale & Seconded by Joan Moore.

Motion carried by show of hands.

7. Voting in the new SBRA Committee:

Again, Joss asked for a show of hands to re-elect all present members of the Committee and our latest nominee, Joshua Baxendale.

Proposed by: John Bradshaw & Seconded by: Peter Wood.

Motion carried by show of hands.

8. Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum :

Joss invited Forum member, Tony Wallington, to make a short address. He explained the process of original Designation of the Forum to consider formulating a Neighbourhood Plan for the Beach to stand alongside ADC's Local Plan. That original designation timed out in November, 2019, so the current committee has applied for a re-designation in order to complete its work. He explained the process and how long it might take during which ADC will offer a six-week public consultation. Should ADC approve re-designation, he advised what steps would have to be managed before finally the Council could eventually organise a public referendum. He took questions from the floor; two in particular he promised to answer by email.

9. ADC Elections: Proposer for Cllr Joss Loader

Councillor Joss Loader advised the meeting that her term of office will cease in May but has offered to stand again for the Marine Ward.

Julia Watts stood up to promote Joss for another term of office and asked the meeting to support the proposal. A show of hands was unanimous and applause followed.

9.1. Any Other Business:

Further questions emanated from the floor; Joss responded, the most relating to regulation and governance issues that continue to frustrate and concern many residents of Shoreham Beach:

More public recycling bins for the Beach area. – ADC reluctant due to contamination issues.

No apparent enforcement of dog-fouling along the Swimmers-only beach in particular or on the beach in general.

Would there be any kind of banning of dogs on beaches? Joss replied it was unlikely.

What about "educate & enforce"?

Can temporary skip bins be sighted during the Summer?

Gary updated the meeting further on the Fort's issues:

Recent evidence of metal-detecting is a crime on heritage sites. He asks everyone to report crime to the Police either at the Fort or elsewhere on the beach or email him via the Fort's website.

Finally, a question about how many traffic wardens operated in Shoreham? Joss reported that a limited number are employed throughout ADC's area but residents could always ring the Parking Shop for assistance if necessary.

On behalf of the SBRA Committee, Joss thanked everyone for attending and asking questions. She wished everyone well and declared the meeting closed.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.55PM