

Poole Beach Huts Association Committee Meeting
19 January 2015
89 Wedgwood Drive



Present:

Bob Lister (Chairman)
Jack Crewe (Secretary)
Julie Snow
Lyn Thomas
Yvonne Hartwell
Cheryl Atterton (invited)

Minutes

1. **Apologies** Apologies were received from Janet Coy and Martin Stevens
2. **Minutes** of the last meeting were approved.

3. Chairman's report

Relocation difficulties

BL reported that some tenants at Branksome Chine felt that communications from the beach office regarding their options during the two storey redevelopment had been unsatisfactory giving them little time to move belongings and make decisions about their tenancy. As a result, several conversations have taken place directly with Tracey on behalf of those tenants.

AGM

BL is awaiting confirmation from Bruce Grant-Braham, Chairman of Poole Tourism Partnership, regarding his availability to speak due to the change of date of the meeting. Graham from the beach office will also give a short presentation regarding winter maintenance advice. Cllr Dion is also hoping to attend.

Seafront Plan (SPS) consultation

A public meeting is to be held on 11th February at the Civic Centre for further consultation on the revised SPS. BL encouraged all those who are available to attend.

Spring meeting with BoP officers

BL reported that he would contact Tracey with a view to arranging a meeting with her and Anthony Rogers for a spring update.

4. Secretary's report

AGM notice

The notice needs to be sent to all members about 21 days prior to the meeting.

JC will mail those members who do not have email. In addition, a reminder will appear in the next newsletter due for distribution on 3rd February.

JC expressed some dissatisfaction at the lack of response from the beach office when issues are raised. In particular he referred to our proposals to allow sharing of tenancies

between long term tenants thus releasing more huts to the waiting list. It was understood at the time that this was being considered favourably but had not heard further. He agreed to approach Xena Dion.

Committee changes

Cheryl Atterton was invited to become a committee member and will be nominated for a position.

JC also reported that he had received a letter from a disgruntled tenant who had issues over the handling of the asbestos removal at his hut and the standard of the contractors' work. He was also dissatisfied with the lack of response he had received when he reported his grievances to the beach office.

JC reassured him that the PBHA provide a means of support when issues occur but in the first instance it is the tenants' responsibility to report issues directly to the council via the beach office as landlords of the beach huts. Unfortunately we had no knowledge of the problem at the time but are now following the matter up. We have been assured that this is now being investigated.

5. Treasurer's report

Moderate costs have been incurred due to mail charges for non email members.

The annual accounts were presented and approved.

6. Social Secretary's report

YH reported that the venue for the summer social event at Branksome Dene Community Room has been booked and paid for.

She has researched costs for a barbecue alternative to the hog roast which ranged from £7.50 to £11 per head. All caterers had experience of the venue and offered a range of typical BBQ fare with salads.

It was agreed that Mobile BBQ be given the opportunity to cater for the event on 4th June at £7.50 per head. Tickets will be on sale for £10 per head, maximum 80 guests to attend. A note of the date will appear in the next newsletter. JS to action.

YH to confirm with caterers.

YH will also ask members at the AGM if they have any requests for additional social events.

7. Newsletter

The winter edition is almost completed with a focus on the sand replenishment scheme including pics of work in progress and the final outcome showing the new wide beach.

All members agreed that the project had been an overwhelming success which has introduced high quality sand.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Tracey thanking all those involved for their work. BL to action.

8. Next meeting

To be held at Lyn's house, 11 Boulnois Avenue at 10.00am 9th March 2015.