

Poole Beach Hut Association Annual General Meeting
Merley Community Centre
31st March 2018

Chairman Bob Lister welcomed Members and Guests. Cllr Mohan Iyengar our Portfolio Holder, Andrew Emery & Luke Watkins from the Resort & Beaches team. The Chairman introduced Committee Members and thanked them for their support. He also thanked the Beaches team for their continued hard work.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported a busy year with bi-monthly committee meetings, meetings with senior Officers from BoP and a Public meeting at St Aldhelms Church Hall. There was a very successful Social Barbecue in June and thanks must go to Committee Member Yvonne for arranging this event. The date for this year's Barbecue is 13th June.

An updated PBHA leaflet has been produced in order to promote new Members. Thanks must be recorded to BoP for including a leaflet in each Beach Hut rental renew.

We started off the year with a 10-20 per cent increase again in our rents. 130 tenants handed back their keys, most because of cost. There are two further increases planned up to 2020.

The Promenades have again been kept clear this winter with the tractor working hard. We are grateful for the beach team's activities.

We continue to meet with BoP on many issues endeavoring to protect and enhance facilities for our members.

We are still working on your behalf to save Beach Road Car Park and requested better signage. This should include an overflow sign at Branksome Chine to make people aware of its close proximity.

A new service has been added to our website, <https://poolebeachhuts.co.uk>, with a section for Beach Hut Swaps and subletting.

Whilst we can assist with swapping huts by putting individuals together, the Beach Office need to ratify this for a fee of £50.00 each

A request was made for new Committee Members. From the floor two Beach Hut tenants put their names forward, and were invited to join the committee at the next Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Crewe Honorary Treasurer led the formal AGM

He reported there would be no charge for membership for 2018. There was currently £3,397.00 in the accounts

Election of Officers

Committee roles were appointed for the ensuing year and a list will appear after the minutes.

AGM business was concluded.

Cllr Mohan Iyengar was introduced

He explained his role in Poole Council namely as a Councillor and Cabinet Member for the Seafront.

He gave a comprehensive report on Potential Government Reforms and talked about the shared service between Bournemouth and Poole with regard to the Beaches.

"Should a new, single council be implemented across Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch, it is likely that the number of Councilors would decrease to between 70 and 80.

Reference was made to the Public Service Protection Order - this will be closely monitored.

Following Chairman's reference to the Beach Road Car Park Mohan gave an explanation As to the need for part of the car park to be sold. (BoP have to save £23 million)
There will be 140 spaces retained in the car park, rebuilt and modernized to the standard we are now seeing in the Dolphin multi- story Car park,

Andrew Emery and Luke Watkins were then introduced.

Andrew has been working with Bournemouth Tourism for 14 years and is now leading on the Sea Front Strategy. He works closely with Anthony Rogers from Poole Council.

He explained that tourism was very important and a key part of the economy.

There are currently three specific projects in Poole.

The land train will continue to Branksome Chine from Bournemouth.

Improvement at Shore Road on the Beach Office and toilets.

At Flaghead Chine an improved play area is to be built.

The money for these improvements will be provided from the Crown Estates.

Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole received a most generous proportion of the total amount allocated.

Pre- requested questions/ comments included...

Q. Why has nothing been done about the drains at Branksome Dene?

A. Andrew Emery will investigate this.

Q Now the Bournemouth and Poole Beaches organization is combined, can Bournemouth residents rent beach huts in Poole and vice-versa?

A Luke Watkins to investigate.

Q. Overnight Beach Huts - are any planned for Poole?

- A. Andrew Emery explained the Bournemouth Overnight Huts are very successful ' There is an aspiration to look at similar in Poole but none is planned at present There are many factors to consider .
- Q. Can Poole have more Beach Showers like in Bournemouth?
A. Andrew Emery to explore.
- Q. The Car Parking Scheme requires clarification.
A. Cllr Mohan Iyengar to investigate.
- Q. What is happening to Sandbanks Pavilion?
A. Sandbanks Pavilion is owned by the BoP. There is an aspiration to improve the building at some stage but nothing planned at present
- Q. Shore Road .New Block - planning application to be submitted.
A. Andrew Emery to inform Beach Hut tenants of any action.
- Q. Request for an update be given on the effectiveness of the CCTV cameras in Poole
A. Andrew Emery to investigate.

Questions from the floor

- Q. What is the Council policy on Drones?
A. No policy.
- Q. How much is charged for concessions at Sandbanks Beach?
A. The amount was not given but there are Water Sports planned for this Summer at Sandbanks at proper commercial rates.
- Q. The Huts that are closed due to cliff falls near Flaghead Chine What action is being taken?
A. Surveys are currently taking place but no complete answer was given.
- Q. Closure of Toilets
A. Cllr Mohan Iyengar said toilets at the Ferry Point are now open. There is a proposal to develop a Pavilion at Baiter to include Toilets. There are a large number of toilets in the town centre, but admitted it some had not been well advertised..
- Q. Lyn Thomas requested an update on all toilets in the town centre.
A. Luke Watkins replied the authorities are working towards consistency across all Bournemouth and Poole Beaches.
- Q. There was a question on any planned maintenance for Beach Huts.
A. Council are tendering for new contracts at present.
- Q. Issues were raised on non-working taps.
A. Action to be taken.
- Q. The subject was raised on parity of charges for Beach Huts now Bournemouth and Poole were joined. Generally rents for Beach Huts in Bournemouth are cheaper
A. "There was no comment from the Officers.

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Comment [1]:

The subject of rising costs for Beach Huts was raised in protest

The Chairman thanked all guests for their contribution to the AGM and Members for attending and declared the meeting closed

Committee Members elected for 2018

Chairman Bob Lister

Vice Chairman

Treasurer. Jack Crewe

Acting Secretary Lyn Thomas

Newsletter Editor Julie Snow

Social Secretary. Yvonne Hartwell

Ordinary Members Janet Coy, Cheryl Atherton

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