

**Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel
Notes from Meeting of 3rd September 2008**

Agenda

1. Welcome to Panel and Visitors
2. Apologies
3. Notes of Last Meeting
4. Report of Extraordinary Meeting held at SHYC 29th July
5. Matters Arising
6. Update Reports (Police and Ward Councillors)
7. Update on Meeting with Sue Criddle Dog Warden
8. Review Priorities
9. AOB
10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Attendees

Members:

Jan Weeks (Chair)
Rick Runalls (Sec)
Adrienne Brecher
John Rabbitts
Adrian Tickell
Jocelyn McCarthy

Tony Milner
Colm Muldoon (Deputy Chair)
Rod Gochin
Jane Gochin
Christine Runalls

Guests:

P.C. Ed Faulkner
P.C.S.O. Martin Hyland
P.C.S.O. Roy Collins
Cllr. Margaret Salisbury
Cllr. David Elkin
Gill Ashbury (Neighbourhood Watch, Sovereign Harbour)
Jan Newens (Neighbourhood Watch, Eastbourne)
Bruno DeLieto (Waterfront Traders Association.)
Charlie Bracken (Haven School Parent Governor)

Apologies

Apologies received from Carol Penney and Cllr.Morris. Cllr. Salisbury reported Cllr. Bloom's illness and that he remains in hospital at present. The meeting asked Cllr.Salisbury to take Cllr. Bloom its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Notes

1. JW highlighted that in PC Faulkner's notes from the 9th July meeting the 4th paragraph discussing long term plans for the Harbour, location of the fishing boats and footbridge opening times was correctly reported, but is outside the scope of the NP.
2. RR briefly summarised the notes of the extraordinary meeting of 29th July. This marked the end of the interim arrangements under which the NP had been running. The meeting had agreed a Constitution and Guiding Principles for the Panel that reflected the intent of the NP as initiated by the Police. JW had been elected Chairman, CM as Deputy Chairman and RR as Secretary.
3. PC Faulkner circulated and presented his memorandum (dated 3 September 2008) and a brief discussion took place. An increase in uniformed and plain clothes police presence on the Harbour had led to a decrease in car crime. Bike crime has increased and the Police are encouraging owners to register bikes using the Police web site 'immobilise.com'. The Police action against drug crime in Midway Quay was successful. PC Faulkner is attempting to get more resources directed at issues arising on the Waterfront. In answer to a question from RR he confirmed that there had been no reported increase in youth related crime or antisocial behaviour over the school holiday period.

4. RG thanked P.C. Faulkner for the letter assessing accident risks at the end of Pacific Drive. Midway Quay Residents' Association were using this to try and get Carillion to improve the state of the road and signage.
5. CM reported his meeting with Sue Criddle (EBC Dog Warden), which he had found to be useful. SC had confirmed her commitment and that of her manager to increase presence and address the issue of dog mess around the Harbour. She requires that residents through the NP should identify a particular 'hot spot' on which she can focus attention. AT offered the area around his neighbourhood, Fisherman's' Village adjacent to Old Martello Road and the caravanning park. He thought that this was primarily due to visitors to the park. JW asked members to submit, and encourage other residents to submit, NP questionnaires to enable 'hot spots' to be identified. **(Action – All Members)** It was noted that a new bin for dog mess has been installed on West Harbour.
6. Charlie Bracken said she would find it useful to have a list of useful contact numbers. She had experienced difficulties with a dog that was out of control and did not know who to contact about it. **(Action – JW to arrange list)**
7. RG expressed concern over the lack of signage around walkways and across the locks with respect to dogs, cycling etc, the restrictions on which were not clearly identified. It was agreed that the lack of clarity was a problem, but also noted that the ability to cycle around the promenades was popular with Harbour residents and visitors alike and should not be overly restricted. It was concluded that until walkways are finally adopted it is unlikely that all the issues can be resolved.
8. AB stressed that residents in Hamilton Quay were experiencing severe problems with noise from the Waterfront bars and restaurants. This had affected them so badly that residents at the West end of Hamilton Quay were unable to use their balconies or leave windows open. It was noted that the fish restaurant and take-away recently agreed by the Planning Committee under 'change of use' had applied for a music/alcohol licence, which could further aggravate an already unacceptable situation. There is a concern that licensing conditions placed on Waterfront businesses to protect local residents were not being adhered to. **(Action – Cllr. Salsbury offered to follow up this complaint)**
9. JW reported that a resident had complained that the Harvester and Simply Italian restaurants had loudspeakers mounted on the outside of their properties, which increased noise levels to surrounding homes. Mr. DeLieto confirmed that this was the case and under the licenses for music, which were granted for 'the premises', he believed that this was allowed since the terrace areas outside constituted part of the premises. **(Action – Cllr. Salsbury agreed to clarify what the music licenses permitted)**
10. RG and JG identified that the recorded 'voice warnings' Premier had recently initiated on a 24-hour basis to alert pedestrians to operation of the lock gates were waking residents in Midway Quay. It was not clear why this had become necessary given that automatic gates already assured safety. RG asked that consideration be given to inviting Premier to the NP to discuss this issue. **(Action – JW)**

Date of Next Meeting will be 7pm Wednesday, 29th October 2008