

**Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel
Notes from Meeting of 7 October 2010**

Agenda

1. Welcome to Panel and Visitors
2. Apologies
3. Notes of Last Meeting (15/07/10)
4. Matters Arising
5. Update Reports
 - Police
 - Councillors
 - Premier Marinas / Waterfront Traders
 - Environmental Health – Sue Criddle
 - Enforcement Update
6. Review of Priorities
7. AOB
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 16 December 2010

Attendees

Members:	Community Associates:	Visitors:
Jan Weeks (Chair) Rick Runalls (Sec) Tony Millner Alison Attwood Des Davis	P.S. Ed Ripley P.C. Louis Thomas P.C.S.O. Martin Hylands Cllr. David Elkin (ESCC) Sue Criddle (EBC Dog Warden) Janet Taylor (Premier Marina) Bruno Di Lieto (Waterfront Traders)	Robin Merrett, Assistant Chief Constable for East & West Sussex & Brighton

Welcome

Jan Weeks welcomed Panel members, Community Associates and Robin Merrett who is Assistant Chief Constable for East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton. Robin explained that he is the lead for neighbourhood policing across the region and was involved when neighbourhood policing strategy was being developed. He stressed that Neighbourhood Panels (NP) are a key contributor to neighbourhood policing, which is why he is touring the region and visiting NP's to see how they were progressing and to identify and promulgate good practice.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Adrienne Brecher, John Rabbitt, Charlie Bracken, Norman Cruse, Rod and Jane Gochin, PC Ed Faulkner, Cllrs. Tarrant and Salisbury, and Claire Banks (EBC Enforcement Officer). Also absent were Colm Muldoon and Adrian Tickell. The meeting asked that their disappointment that once again all ward councillors were absent from the Panel should be noted and passed on.

Notes of Last Meeting

Notes of the meeting of 15 July 2010 were agreed without changes.

Notes of Meeting

Matters Arising

1. Actions placed on JW to alert residents to the spate of cycle thefts and the contact number for ASDA trolley removal had both been completed.
2. JW briefed the meeting on the use of the Community Payback (CP) initiative. She reviewed that this had been requested for several months without success, but during August a working party turned up without prior warning. She had previously been contacted to ask what they were to work on and given the short notice they were put to work on 'litter picking'. JW also highlighted that EBC had undertaken work to clean the Harbour walkways of weeds, which had left them looking much better, although there are already sign of weeds re-growing.

AA suggested that in view of the cutbacks that would be occurring in council services it might be possible to co-ordinate the CP effort with that of Council Services to avoid duplication and ensure it is regular and coordinated. JW agreed to follow this idea up **(Action JW)**.

PS Ripley commented that he had spoken to Nick Downs, who is now tasking CP since Lee Browning moved, and he confirmed that in future CP would only be available on Mondays. He agreed to follow-up how this would be prioritised **(Action PS Ripley)**.

JW reported that she had been contacted by Melanie Thompson, who manages the Amenity Team on EBC, and asked if there are any 'Grot Spots' on the Harbour that need addressing. However, the Amenity Team does not address routine issues such as weeding, but concentrates on problems such as fly tipping, which is not a Harbour problem.

Police Report

3. P.S. Ripley presented a verbal report and the following issues were highlighted:
 - Speeding and anti-social driving. He reported that there had been regular speed checks on Atlantic and Pacific Drives, which had resulted in tickets being issued and warnings being given.
 - There had been an attempted robbery on North Harbour when two men attempted to snatch a bag from a woman. They failed and sped off in a car. The Police gave chase and apprehended the men. They have been bailed, are both 'on tags' and their trial will take place in November.
 - The level of bike thefts is decreasing, with the main problem areas being Midway Quay and Samoa. However, even though the threat of bike thefts has been well-circulated in Waterlines there are still cases of residents failing to secure bikes even though in one case a theft had recently taken place at the house.
 - On Wednesday 29th August PCSO Martin Hylands apprehended 2 youths riding a moped on the footpath between Atlantic Drive and Wade Close. The pillion passenger was not wearing a crash helmet. PCSO Martin called for assistance, and this resulted in both boys being fined. The driver received 3 points and a £60 fine and the passenger a £30 fine.

In addition, following on from a comment by TM at the last NP meeting, Sgt. Ripley asked if MacQuarie Quay was still suffering from anti social behaviour. TS replied that the level had fallen away over the last 2 months and currently most problems were arising from children of about 10 years of age and in one case from residents holding noisy parties late at night. PCSO Hyland commented that he knew the apartment in question and had spoken to the previous residents about similar issues. It was suggested that in cases such as this, if neighbourly approaches fail to modify the behaviour then it would be worth seeking help from EBC, Environmental Health.

TM asked if there were currently any drug problems giving rise to concern on the Harbour, given previous issues. Sgt. Ripley confirmed that there were no significant issues of dealing, noting that involvement with drugs tends to be associated with personal / social use.

Councillors' Report

4. No report had been submitted by the ward councillors. Cllr. Elkin reported that Graham Kemp (ESCC, Highways) had been investigating the reports of parking problems on the Harbour and had confirmed that the worst location was MacQuarie Quay. He has come up with some ideas to alleviate this and intends to discuss these with residents. Cllr. Elkin further reported that Becky Shaw, Chief Executive of ESCC, visited the Harbour earlier in the day to get a first hand idea of the issues and to meet members of Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA) committee. He felt this had been useful.

Premier Marinas Report

5. Janet Taylor announced that from 1st November for 3 weeks the North Harbour bridge would be out of action for essential routine maintenance. Signage would be going up around the Harbour to alert people of this and it was also being reported in Waterlines and on the SHRA web site. There would also be some impact on boat traffic through the channel. Every attempt would be made to shorten this period as far as possible. Immediately following on from the bridge work there would be a lock closure for

maintenance stretching into early December. Pedestrian access across the locks would be briefly affected while the temporary bridge is lifted into place.

Waterfront Traders Report

6. Bruno Di lieto reported that the updating of signage on the Waterfront is in progress and the atrium is being redecorated. Grease that had built up on the pavement outside the 'Chippy' has been addressed by Fell Reynolds who have successfully undertaken steam cleaning of the area.

Environmental Health Report

7. Sue Criddle reported that dog fouling on the Harbour has recently shown a general improvement. TM commented that MacQuarie Quay is still suffering, particularly on the beach and adjacent pathway, which Sue noted.

Sue also mentioned that she had received a message from Hazelvine about installing another dog bin, but as yet she did not know where they were proposing to put it.

Enforcement Report

8. In Claire Banks absence JW reported that the Community Enforcement Team carried out an early morning (6am – 9am) dog fouling operation on the South Harbour on Friday 13th August. The team was accompanied by Cllrs. Salisbury and Tarrant, but unfortunately they did not catch anyone. These operations will continue to run throughout the town. Sue Criddle commented that she was not involved in, or aware of this particular operation.

Review of Priorities

The meeting agreed that the priorities should remain:

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Dog Fouling / Litter
- Parking and Associated Problems

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meetings will take place at Haven School at 7 pm on 16th December 2010 and 17th February 2011.