

**Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel
Notes from Meeting of 9th July 2009**

Agenda

1. Welcome to Panel and Visitors
2. Apologies
3. Notes of Last Meeting (24/3/09)
4. Matters Arising
5. Update Reports
 - Police
 - Councillors
 - Premier Marinas / Waterfront Traders
6. Review of Priorities
7. AOB
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Attendees

Members:	Community Associates:	Visitors:
Jan Weeks (Chair) Colm Muldoon (Deputy Chair) Rick Runalls John Rabbitts Adrian Tickell Alison Attwood Tony Milner	Cllr. David Elkin (County Councillor) Cllr. Susan Morris (Ward Councillor) Cllr. Margaret Salisbury (Ward Councillor) Andy Osman (Premier Marinas)	None

Welcome

Jan Weeks welcomed Panel members and Community Associates and expressed her disappointment that so many were absent and in particular that no representative from the Police had attended.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Rod and Jane Gochin, Chris Runalls, Adrienne Brecher, Charlie Bracken, P.C. Ed Faulkner, P.C.S.O. Martin Hyland, Bruno Di Lieto and Jan Newens. Tony Milner apologised for late arrival.

Matters Arising

Action on JW from 24 March w.r.t. the lining proposal on Pacific Drive is closed. Action on Cllr.Morris from 24 March w.r.t impact of mortgage fraud on Macquarie is closed. Tony Milner had been contacted.

Notes

Road Lining in Pacific Drive

1. JW described that since the new yellow lining had been completed there had been just 3 complaints from residents. JR commented that the new system was generally much better. It was noted that NCP enforcement activity will be started now yellow lining had been completed. JW mentioned that a white van had just been clamped for illegal parking. It was confirmed that any complaints or suggestions from residents should be sent directly to Roger Hyde (ESCC, Highways), so these could be monitored and taken

into account at the end of the one-year trial period. JW agreed to request notification to residents in Waterlines. **(Action JW)**

JW said she had asked the Police for traffic accident statistics along Pacific Drive in the period leading up to the new lining regime. Ed Faulkner had provided figures from 2007, which showed that there had been 1 fatality believed to be due to excessive speed and 5 lesser collisions, all of which were drink / drugs or excessive speed related.

Other Traffic Calming Issues

2. AA asked what would be the process / implications if residents wanted to make all roads on the Harbour a 20 mph zone. Cllr. Elkin took an action to ask the Highways Team at ESCC. **(Action Cllr. Elkin)**

Cycling on Pathways

3. AT raised problems residents of Fisherman's Village were having with cyclists riding along the footpaths crossing the green in the centre of the development. He highlighted that these paths were privately owned and maintained by residents and signs would be going up prohibiting cycle riding on this area. The meeting agreed that signage would be an essential first step to encouraging cyclists to act with respect to pedestrian users and hoped that common sense on both sides would prevail rather than having to legally enforce the covenants that apply.
4. A more general discussion took place regarding cycling on Harbour pavements and promenades. It was recognised that not all of these were designated cycle ways and consequently cycling was not officially permitted in these circumstances. RR commented that banning cycling would be undesirable, since so many residents and visitors enjoyed using bicycles and most bike riders acted responsibly towards pedestrians. JW commented that the only complaint about cycling she had received was from a resident of Midway Quay.
5. RR highlighted concern over the marking of cycle ways where the white lining indicates that the lane designated for cycles swaps with the pedestrian lane when one crosses a road junction. Cllr. Morris clarified that the white lining on pavements is not meant to designate dedicated cycle and pedestrian lanes. It is only to indicate that cycles are permitted to use the pavements and are not 'segregated' from pedestrians. Cllr. Morris also pointed out that although it is an offence to cycle on pavements unless specifically allowed, there is an exception in that cycles are permitted to use pavements where using the road would clearly be dangerous.
6. Andy Osman reported that there were safety issues arising from cyclists using the lock gates and ignoring the signs that tell them to dismount. He agreed to try using the tannoy system available from the control room to remind transgressors.

Update Reports

6. JW gave Ed Faulkner's report. This reported a successful day of action by the DVLA and colleagues from the Road Policing Dept. This resulted in 13 vehicles being clamped for having no valid tax disc, high profile speed checks along major routes throughout the area, high visibility road checks were carried out around schools. There were three arrests for theft of cycles. It was a successful day and a positive outcome.
Feedback at street meetings confirmed the priorities already set by the Neighbourhood Panel.
7. JW reported on behalf of the Waterfront Traders. Bruno Di Lieto had confirmed that the new video security surveillance system covering the Waterfront would soon be operational. In addition there was to be a review of signage around the Waterfront to address cycling, dog fouling, litter, etc.
8. Andy Osman reported that there would be a Boat Show on the Harbour over the 25-26 July. This would be held principally from pontoons adjacent to the Yacht Club and would be a forerunner to the RNLI Regatta over August Bank Holiday.
A survey is being carried out on the 'arms' of the Outer Harbour to determine whether they have shifted in position since they were built. AO noted that a few of the large granite blocks forming the arms had shifted and he was intending to move them back to their original position as the necessary lifting equipment became available.
The automatic barriers on the road in front of the Yacht Club will be replaced soon, which should alleviate excessive speeds on this stretch of road and hopefully prevent

unauthorised parking down to the Waterfront. The replacement barriers will be similar to the old ones and in the same position, but more robust to vandalism.

RR reported that boats were exceeding the 5 knots speed limit in the Outer Harbour. AO confirmed that he was aware of the problem and that there would soon be a 'purge' on it.

Review of Priorities

9. The Panel noted the reduction in dog fouling that had recently been achieved and gave its thanks to Sue Criddle and the councillors. Enforcement action had been taken. JW agreed to request that this be reported in Waterlines with thanks also going to the responsible dog owners who help to keep the area clean. **(Action JW)**
10. The Panel agreed that Dog Fouling should still remain a priority given that recurrence may well occur, and in addition 'Litter' should be included since this was becoming a significant problem.

It was agreed that the 3 priorities should remain.

General Litter/Dog fouling

Traffic Calming

Speeding

AOB

11. Cllrs Morris and Salsbury identified that they now were in charge of the 'graffiti kits' originally procured by the Police and asked that they be contacted personally as soon as graffiti was reported. Cllr. Morris confirmed she would be happy for her phone number to be quoted as the contact point. JW agreed to request this be announced through Waterlines. **(Action JW)**
12. Given the shortage of dog and litter bins in some areas Cllr. Morris asked why SHRA did not sponsor any bins from its own funds. RR reported that this had been considered and investigated about 3 years ago, but was not supported by the Council since they were more worried about the ongoing commitment to servicing new bins rather than the initial cost. JW agreed to review the issue with the SHRA Committee **(Action JW)**, although it would be unusual for a private residents association to subsidise what would normally be a Council provision, particularly since it is for the benefit of all Council Tax payers. Cllr. Morris agreed to see if the Council would be prepared to finance the ongoing servicing of additional bins if sponsoring was possible.
13. JW noted a complaint from Hamilton Quay residents that the Piscari restaurant had started to put tables and chairs on the pavement leading to North Harbour bridge and were also using the area below the steps leading up to the Garden Bar for the storage of beer barrels. Cllr Elkin noted that this was infringing planning constraints and it was stated that this had already been reported to EBC Planning Dept. Cllr. Morris suggested that JW let the Police know since they are responsible regarding any licensing implications.
JW also reported that an 'A frame' advertising board had been placed on the walkway by the Waterfront and was a potential hazard.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 24 September 2009. The start time will be 7 pm and the venue will be Haven School.