



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of The Sea Festival and Events Committee Meeting
held on 27th June 2025 at 11:00

Chair: **Councillor:** **Simon Horton**

Present: **Councillors:** **Hazel Barrett, Guy Valentine-Neale**

Deputy Clerk: **Chani Sanger**
 Public: **One present**

1. **Election of a Chair** – Cllr Simon Horton
 Proposed by Guy Valentine-Neale
 Seconded by Hazel Barrett
 Agreed by all
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Tim Prater and Rosa Morris
3. **Declaration of Interest** – none declared
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2025 were approved as a correct record subject to amending the month of the meeting from September to March.
 Proposed by Guy Valentine-Neale
 Seconded by Hazel Barrett
 Agreed by all
5. **Planning and updates for Sea Festival 2025:**
 The following updates were provided:
 - Saga car parking: Still waiting on confirmation. CS to contact again to chase confirmation.
 - Lighting in Saga car park: Will need to ensure lighting is available during the Saturday evening.
 - Road closures/car park: FHDC have the event request lodged and road closure/closure of Castle Road Car Park makes up a part of that. Need to know about Saga Car Park before some of the event plan can progress.
 - Staging: Questions regarding power, CS to call company.
 - Fireworks: Universal Fireworks who have provided an excellent display for several years are unable to work on Sea Fest 2025. CS to contact other firework providers and the DeHaan Charitable Trust to update and request advice on new company.
 - Barrow of Booze: The Bliss family have kindly volunteered to man the Barrow of Booze stall. Donations are needed for the barrow. GVN to contact usual wheelbarrow donor to request a wheelbarrow for 2025.
 - Kids' Disco: CS noted that the PPL PRS team had previously given a free one-day music licence and the same had been requested this year.
 - Local business: It was noted that substantial effort had been made for Sea Fest 2024 to include local businesses, but few were keen to be involved. CS to engage again for 2025.
 - Communication: Noted that phones were not ideal forms of communication in 2024 as people were too busy to look. Walkie talkies to be provided to area leads for main communications with phones used as a secondary method. Mission control for the event will be the library where there

will always be a member of staff available. This means the library phone can also be used for communication.

- Medical care: Booked, confirmed and paid for.

The following questions were raised:

- Parking usage: How do we mitigate the issues we have experienced when using Saga's car park? It was suggested that we could ask for police volunteers to be on site as a deterrent for antisocial behaviour.
- Volunteers: How can we get additional volunteers as we need to focus on improving crowd control as the event grows? CS to contact Taylor Wimpey, GT to contact Vinci, CS to chase Napier Barracks, CS to contact Harmer and Sons, GVN to contact The Rotary Club and CS to ask any charities that are attending to provide volunteers if they can.
- Beach: Need to ensure the beach is properly cordoned off and laid out to best host the fireworks in a safe capacity.

6. Timetables:

To discuss at a subsequent meeting.

7. Information:

None

8. Date of Next meeting: 11th July at 10am

The meeting ended at 12:04

Signed by the Sea Festival and Events Committee Chairman

Date