

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by Members.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

(1) Sea Swimming – Councillor Robert Nemeth

Given the increase in the number of sea swimmers in recent years, and given the prevalence of troubling safety incidents in West Hove, would the Chair support my call for a new lifeguard station, with associated safety flags and facilities, in Wish Ward?

(2) West Pier – Councillor Robert Nemeth

What is the Administration's position on the future of the West Pier; a much-photographed tourist asset which is of course privately-owned but liable to collapse/deterioration?

(3) King Alfred – Councillor Robert Nemeth

The last two King Alfred Leisure Centre development attempts collapsed through proposals not being financially viable with the principal non-sport-related net cost being 'Affordable' housing. What representations has the Chair of this committee made, in her capacity as head of sports for the City, to ensure that housing development dreams do not trump sports provision once again?

(4) Urgent Call to Address Crime – Councillor Nick Childs

Given the intolerable level of harassment, drug crime and anti-social behaviour outside and around the Coop Supermarket on St James St, what urgent action will be taken by the Council and Sussex Police to prevent the lives of residents, Coop employees and customers being further blighted

(5) Fly-Posting on the Seafront – Robert Nemeth

Would the Chair join community groups, amenity societies and tourist businesses by making a strong and unequivocal statement against fly-posting on the Brighton & Hove seafront, and will she pledge to call on colleagues to investigate and prosecute where possible those participating in fly-posting campaigns in tourist areas?

(6) Funding for Memorial Plaque – Councillor Nick Childs

I was delighted that the Planning Committee agreed to the informative that I proposed to attach a plaque to the new development of the Coop Lewes Rd, in memorial to the 20 residents killed there by a Luftwaffe bomb in Sept 1940. Whilst the developers have agreed to assist with the cost, should there be a shortfall, would the Committee be prepared to consider funding given that the costs are likely to be in the hundreds of pounds only?

(7) Communal Beach Hut – Councillor Bridget Fishleigh

Whilst I appreciate that the council is reviewing its beach chalet and hut strategy, we have an urgent need for a communal beach hut in Saltdean which will provide a base and storage for the fast-growing Saltdean surf and swim club.

Please can we put up a wooden beach hut on the Undercliff. We will pay for everything including insurance. We are also happy to pay ground rent to the council.

It can be moved to a different location if necessary once the beach chalet/hut strategy is agreed.