

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Report to Economic Committee – 26 July 2021

Name of Meeting:	Bognor Regis Regeneration Board (BRRD)
Date of Meeting:	21 July 2021
Report by:	Cllr David Edwards – The Council's Nominated Representative

This was my first meeting with the Board, which happened to be the AGM.

There were various topics discussed and I have used bullet points below to show the highlights.

Mr Raof Daud welcomed everyone to the pre-meeting, where everyone was able to gather and meet informally before proceeding to attend the AGM.

At the AGM Raof Daud was elected Chair of the Board, I was elected to be Vice Chair.

Raof, myself, Jeremy Pardey (Butlins), Henry Green (Covers) and Paul Hanson (Landlink Estates) were elected as Members of the new Management Committee.

Raof, David Cooper (University of Chichester), David Wride and Matt Smith (Regis Group) were elected as Directors of the newly incorporated Bognor Regis Regeneration Board.

The Annual Report and the Income and Expenditure Statement for 2020/21 were presented by the BRRB Advisor Becky White. These documents were both approved.

There followed an open forum where all present had the opportunity to speak. Raof set out his vision for how the Board would interact with the various Stakeholders, to drive regeneration for the Town, and to challenge both the County and District Councils.

I spoke as the representative from ADC, and I gave assurance that we will play an active role at the Board, and that together we can really achieve something positive for Bognor Regis. I accepted that in the past, ADC has talked a lot about regeneration but that for the last few years the term had been both politicised and weaponised and this had stalled any progress. I explained that this will be a challenging task to overcome but that the new Administration did not want to keep looking at the past, but wanted to concentrate on the Now and the Future.

The County Council Member Cllr Steve Waight pledged support for the Board, and wanted to understand why the Arun Growth Plan had not performed as well as others in the County. He mentioned that the Crawley Growth Plan had seen somewhere around £80million but Arun had not got anywhere near this. I will be working closely with Cllr Waight to get a better understanding of how we can improve this for Arun.

This concludes my report, I have copies of the Annual Report should any Member require a copy.

Cllr David Edwards.

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