

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
CLIMATE, NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held at the
BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
On **Wednesday 17th April 2024** at **7:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Drayson; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; One Videographer; David Dennis;
0 members of the public.

00801 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00802 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none. Cllr Byrne was absent.

00803 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Drayson declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

00804 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillors were reminded to switch mobile phones off to avoid interference with the audio recording equipment.

00805 MINUTES

- a) To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting on 28th February 2024.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes from the meeting on 28th February 2024.

00806 TO RECEIVE THIRD THREE-MONTHLY REPORT ON THE DOMESDAY PROJECT AND SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW DAVID DENNIS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to liaise with David Dennis on the different aspects of the project.

00807 TO RECEIVE NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a) Town Accessibility Working Group – To note working group to be formed after the AGM. – noted.

00808 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT

- a) To note updates on decisions from previous meeting:

- i. To note update on Full Council decision to support David Dennis to write to the Secretary of the State to support an extension of the SSSI from Combe Valley over Galley Hill.
- ii. To note update from the CIC of Combe Valley to investigate a position for a councillor on the CIC.
It was noted that there had not been a response from the CIC.
- iii. To receive update on the publicising of the events that David Dennis holds and the plans for a future event similar to the previous Climate Action Event, to be held in July 2024.
It was noted that an event is planned for 13th July 2024.
- iv. To receive update from the Clerk on working with David Dennis to see if plans could be moved forward – noted.

00809 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) 'Welcome to Bexhill' signs - To approve invoice to supply and install four signs £5750.16. Replace two A259 existing signs, replace sign on Ninfield Road, install new sign on Combe Valley Way.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve invoice to supply and install four signs £5750.16. Replace two A259 existing signs, replace sign on Ninfield Road, install new sign on Combe Valley Way.
- b) To note Wave Arts to be invited to the next Amenities Committee meeting to discuss ways of dealing with graffiti issues. – noted.
- c) Sewage release on Galley Hill – To note meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th July at 2.30pm. – noted.
- d) 'Town Rangers' – To note project not progressed due to current workloads – noted.
- e) Bexhill in Bloom – To note meeting being arranged with committee and Bee Stops to be added to the agenda. – noted.
- f) Emergency Resilience Plan – To note that the plan cannot proceed without two volunteers in each ward to implement emergency plans and consider next steps. – noted.
It was **RESOLVED** that the project doesn't fit well with such a large area and will be deferred for the time being.
- g) Verge-cutting – To note new verge-cutting season has begun. – noted.

00810 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note no updates for SLR meeting – Cllr Plim and Cllr Thomas. – noted.
- b) Grit bins – to note final cost of grit bin at £423.24. – noted.
- c) To note request for new grit bin in Pebsham. – noted.

00811 ALLOTMENT SITES

- a) To receive allotment reports
 - i. Sidley House - noted.
 - ii. Preston Road – noted.
- b) To consider extending lease term at Summerhill Allotments.
It was **RESOLVED** to extend lease term at Summerhill Allotments for another 25 years.
- c) To note signs being replaced due to damage at Summerhill Allotments. – noted.
- d) To note Barrack Hall drainage issues being investigated and hard standing to be reinstated. – noted.
- e) To note report from Bexhill Family Collective to be presented at next meeting. – noted.

00812 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) To note advertisement published seeking steering group members. – noted.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the Neighbourhood Plan be the responsibility of the Planning Committee.

00813 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note budget performance as of 31st January 2024. – noted.

00814 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- a) To note Full Council decision that £60,000 of the available CIL Funds are to be spent on allotment safety measures.
- b) To note remaining CIL money and to consider next steps.
It was **RESOLVED** to wait for the new committee structure before making recommendations on CIL funding allocations.

00815 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

00816 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There are none.

00817 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.
There are none.
- b) To receive questions and future agenda items.
There were none.

**00818 TO NOTE FULL COUNCIL DECISION TO TRANSFER TERMS
OF REFERENCE TO AMENITIES COMMITTEE AS OF MAY 2024**

Meeting closed at 19:55pm