

**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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at **6:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Byrne; Cllr Norris; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; David Dennis; two members of the public.

**00646 TO ELECT CHAIR**

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Plim as Chair of the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee.

**00647 TO ELECT VICE-CHAIR**

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Byrne as Vice-Chair of the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee.

**00648 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public representing Bexhill Youth and Community Association to request assistance with the process to change the image of the community centre with more carbon efficient solutions.

**00649 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Drayson.

**00650 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

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

**00651 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair advised that the meeting will be adjourned when David Dennis arrives.

**00652 MINUTES**

- a) To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**00653 TO RECEIVE NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

- a) Accessibility Working Group – to appoint two members to the group.  
There were no nominations to the working group.

**00654 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT**

- a) To suspend Standing Orders to allow David Dennis to address the meeting with an update on the project.  
It was noted that a Community Interest Company has been set up with four directors to attract funding for the project.  
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the council support David Dennis to write to the Secretary of the State to support an extension of the SSSI from Combe Valley over Galley Hill.  
It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to write to the CIC of Combe Valley to investigate a position for a councillor on the CIC.  
It was **RESOLVED** for the council to publicise the events that David Dennis holds and hold a future event similar to the previous Climate Action Event in July 2024.  
It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to work with David Dennis to see if plans could be moved forward.

**00655 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- b) 'Welcome to Bexhill' signs - to note signs being manufactured. – noted.  
c) Emergency resilience plan – to note plan being created. – noted.  
d) To note Wave Arts to be invited to a future meeting to discuss ways of dealing with graffiti issues. – noted.  
e) Sewage release on Galley Hill – to note public meeting with Southern Water to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at St John's Baptist Church, Victoria Hall and agree format for meeting. – noted.  
It was **AGREED** to ask Southern Water to investigate repairing the fountains as compensation for the sewage issues in Bexhill.  
The event will include a presentation from Southern Water on their plans to future proof the drainage issues in Bexhill and hold a question-and-answer session. The meeting will last for approximately 2 hours.  
f) 'Grot-Busters' – to note project not progressed due to current workloads. – noted.  
Cllr Byrne will feedback on a similar project in St Leonards.  
g) Bexhill-in-Bloom  
i. To receive update on partnership working.  
It was noted that a memorandum of understanding is being worked on with the Bexhill In Bloom group.  
ii. To consider Bee Stops project on Bus Shelters.  
It was noted that the project will be investigated.

**00656 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- a) To note Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting being arranged with East Sussex County Council to raise outstanding highways matters from last agenda – Cllr Plim and Cllr Thomas. – noted.
- b) Grit Bins – to note one grit bin installed and a further request for grit bin being investigated. – noted. The final cost will be reported back to the next meeting.

**00657 ALLOTMENT SITES**

- a) To note Allotment Status update reports and to agree tree inspections and fencing works. – noted.  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree tree inspections and fencing works.
- b) To receive update on Bexhill Family Collective project.  
An update was received. A regular report will be presented as the project takes shape.

**00658 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- a) To note Steering Group to be organised and press release to be launched. – noted.

**00659 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- a) To note budget performance as at 31/11/2023 – noted.

**00660 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

**00661 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) To consider response to Draft Local Transport Plan  
[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/draftLTP4](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/draftLTP4)

**00662 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 one.

**00663 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

*The meeting was closed at 19:19pm.*