

**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 approximately 2 hours.  
f) 'Grot-Busters' – to note project not progressed due to current workloads. – noted.  
Cllr Byrne will feed back 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.*