

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
CLIMATE, NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held at the
ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL TOWN HALL, BEXHILL-ON-SEA
On **Wednesday 11th October 2023** at **7:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Baldry; Cllr Gibson; Cllr Norris; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; Cllr Goss; Cllr Brailsford (ex-officio)

00339. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00340. It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow rother district council officers to discuss the neighbourhood plan process.

00341. It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to receive an update from David Dennis.

00342. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

00343. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were none.

00344. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair reminded members of the committee of the substantial list of items to get through.

00345. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2023.

00346. TO RECEIVE NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a) Town accessibility working group.
The Accessibility Map was circulated, and it was **RESOLVED** to finish the map and print copies at the Hub.

00347. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) 'Welcome to Bexhill' signs - to note awaiting permission to install from National Highways
b) To consider ESALC Consultant quotation for emergency resilience plan.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the Emergency Resilience Plan at a maximum cost of £6000.

- c) To note Wave Arts to be invited to a future meeting to discuss ways of dealing with graffiti issues – noted.
- d) Sewage release on Galley Hill – to receive update on the clerk’s investigations into how the Town Council can work with local groups and Southern Water. It was **RESOLVED** to organise a public meeting with Southern Water in 2024.
- e) To consider update on the Bexhill Wild Domesday Project.
It was **RESOLVED** to authorise David Dennis to apply for external funding for the projects described in the report. This means that the Domesday project will continue until May 2025.
A press release will be prepared to update residents on the project.
- f) Verge cutting – to discuss complaints received and consider next steps. It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the grass verge cutting. A press release will be prepared.
- g) ‘Grot-Busters’ to receive update from the clerk on investigations.
It was agreed to investigate two Full Time Rangers
Cllr Gibson left the meeting at 20:29pm
- h) To consider hanging baskets.
It was **RESOLVED** to explore options with Bexhill In Bloom for displays.
It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the authority to the Town Clerk to arrange grit bins up to the value of £1500.

00348. 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, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Thomas – noted.

00349. ALLOTMENT SITES

- a) To note Allotment Status update.
Thanks were noted to the Facilities Co-ordinator and it was **RESOLVED** for the committee to endorse the recommendations in the reports.
- b) To receive Preston Road boundary report – noted.
- c) To receive Sidley House boundary report – noted.
- d) To receive update on Bexhill Family Collective project - noted
- e) To note notification from Summerhill Allotment Association Ltd regarding oak tree works – noted.

00350. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) To consider next steps.
It was **AGREED** to set up the Steering Group.

00351. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note current budget position year to date - noted.

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- b) To consider budget forecast for 2024-2025 for submission to Finance and General Purposes committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following budget forecast:

Domesday Project year 2 £10,000

Allotment Fencing and Tree Works £60,000 (this could be used from the CIL funds)

Bexhill-in-Bloom £5000

Grit Bins - £1500

Projects £5000

Neighbourhood Plan £1000

Verge Cutting £24,309

- c) To note CIL budget £106,238.33 held by the Town Council and to consider allocation of funds.

It was **AGREED** to recommend CIL funds to be used for additional bins and dog bins and consider funds to a graffiti project and a planting project.

00352. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Thomas.

That this committee creates a sub-committee specifically to deal with the renovation of allotments in Preston Road, and that the sub-committee has the authority to co-opt members from the leased allotment sites as 'experts' to advise the sub-committee on how best to improve the amenity.

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00353. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Email from Southern Gas Network regarding Collington Avenue works.
b) Email from ESALC – Regional Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan.
c) Email from East Sussex County Council – School Street Design update workshop, All Saints school.

00354. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Questions from the Councillors from the last meeting.

Cllr Plim asked if the allotment Noticeboards would be the same style as the town boards.

Yes, this is likely to be the case.

- b) Questions from councillors
There were none.

00355. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13TH DECEMBER 2023

The meeting was closed at 21:11pm.