

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL AMENITIES**
COMMITTEE

held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA

On **Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 6:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Byrne; Cllr El; Cllr Goss; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Wilson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Daeva; Cllr Huseyin (Ex-Officio); David Dennis; One videographer; 0 members of the public.

00636 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Dennis addressed the meeting and reported that the Bexhill Nature Club been running successfully for several months, meeting on the last Thursday of each month. A field visit to Cooden Moat Wood is planned for Sunday, 23rd March, and the committee was asked if they would like a copy of the research on this site. Tomorrow at 2 PM, there will be a visit to Sidley Woods with East Sussex County Council and Dr. Barry Yates to discuss leaky dams and seek permission from both the county council and Rother District Council, as Rother District Council owns the land. Natural England has granted permission to conserve Galley Hill, but no action can be taken without Rother District Council's approval, and a report will be prepared on future conservation efforts for wildlife. Plans are in place to acquire a camera for creating short films showcasing local wildlife. Concerns were raised over the decline of wildlife in Combe Valley. Additionally, while Pevensey Marshes receive £600,000 for water level maintenance, no funds have been allocated for conserving Combe Valley, prompting a letter to be written to address this issue.

00637 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

00638 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

Cllr Huseyin declared his attendance as Ex-Officio.

00639 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00640 MINUTES

a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th January 2025.

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It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8th January 2025.

00641 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

- a) Following the Full Council decision to proceed with taking temporary control of the public toilets the committee is asked to approve the proposed costs for recommendation to Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council the ringfencing of £100,000 from General Reserves for the re-opening of the toilets.

- b) To note Full Council decision to allocate £9,000 from reserves to renovate Marina Gardens. – noted.

00642 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

- a) To note meeting regarding additional cameras held with Police and Community Safety Co-ordinator and assertion of 31 CCTV cameras covering Egerton Park and awaiting written confirmation of camera locations before proceeding with further units. – noted.

- b) To note the committee shall carry out a review of the of existing and potential new CCTV over the next three years in collaboration with Sussex Police, local PCSO, local Chamber of Commerce, Brag and possibly other interested parties in the town after April 2025 with the results being reviewed in June 2025. – noted.

- c) To approve purchase of Unipar SL700 Laser Speed Meter to loan to the Bexhill Community Speedwatch Group at £2,920 + VAT plus £260 + VAT calibration costs per year.

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The committee requested clarification of the Bexhill Community Speedwatch Group's insurance and training.

- d) To note exact location of speed survey required to be provided to the Town Council so that this can be requested. – noted.

- e) To approve the Town Ranger capital costs for recommendation to Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the Town Ranger capital costs of £10,602.50 to Full Council.

00643 TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

- a) To receive notes from last meeting – Cllrs Crotty; Wilson; Winter. It was noted that Cllr Wilson resigned from the Town Accessibility Working Group.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Byrne to the Town Accessibility Working Group.

00644 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT

- a) To note Cllr Jacklin appointed to Combe Valley CIC at Full Council. – noted.
- b) To note response from the Secretary of State for the Environment declining a face-to-face meeting to ensure the priority protection of Galley Hill. – noted.
- c) To consider request from David Dennis for the Town Council to indemnify the Sidley Woods Leaky Dam for five years (email circulated). It was **RESOLVED** not to indemnify the Sidley Woods Leaky Dam for five years.

00645 BUS SHELTERS

- a) To note awaiting W.Ave Arts further bus shelter designs for approval. – noted.
- b) To note awaiting Men's Shed quote to repaint shelter outside Manor Barn and awaiting response from Old Town Preservation Society. – noted.
Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a trustee of Men's Shed.
- c) To receive quote to reinstatement of Cooden Beach bus shelter. It was **RESOLVED** to investigate footfall and potential grant funding before making a decision on the bus shelter.

00646 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting that was due to be held on 21st January 2025 with Cllr Plim and Cllr Goss was cancelled by Highways and is being rearranged.
It was noted that this has been rearranged for 25th March 2025.

00647 ALLOTMENT SITES

- a) To note fence damage at Preston Road and repairs being arranged. – noted.

00648 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note budget update. – noted.

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>210 Allotments</u>								
1110 Allotment Rent	0	1,525	1,630	105			93.5%	
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Allotments :- Income	0	1,525	1,630	105			93.5%	0
4610 Water	0	79	650	571		571	12.2%	
4620 Maintenance	25	56,677	4,000	(52,677)		(52,677)	1416.9%	52,905
4625 Allotment Refund	0	57	0	(57)		(57)	0.0%	
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Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	25	56,813	4,650	(52,163)	0	(52,163)	1221.8%	52,905
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Net Income over Expenditure	(25)	(55,289)	(3,020)	52,269				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	0	52,905	0	(52,905)				
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Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(25)	(2,384)	(3,020)	(636)				
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<u>220 Amenities</u>								
4630 Additional Verge Cutting	0	24,309	24,309	0		0	100.0%	
4670 Domesday Project	825	9,975	10,000	25		25	99.8%	
4680 Bexhill in Bloom Projects	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	100.0%	
4690 Grit Bins	0	457	1,500	1,043		1,043	30.4%	
4700 Future Projects	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
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Amenities :- Indirect Expenditure	825	39,741	45,809	6,068	0	6,068	86.8%	0
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Net Expenditure	(825)	(39,741)	(45,809)	(6,068)				

00649 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

00650 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Copy of email sent by County Councillor Hollidge concerning the replacement of lampposts on De La Warr Parade.
It was **RESOLVED** to write to express concerns and ask for like for like replacement of lampposts to ensure consistency and retention of the town's heritage.
- b) Email from David Dennis concerning forecast of sea level rise and local flooding – it was noted that the council were not able to fund this initiative.

00651 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.

<p>Cllr Goss asked how the Town Council could go about organising a speed survey in Old Town High Street.</p>	<p>The exact location of the survey has been requested. Once this is received the survey can be requested by the Town Council.</p>
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- b) To receive questions and future agenda items.
Cllr Plim asked if the Town Rangers could work on London Road initially.
Cllr Plim asked if the town council was in contact with Network Rail.
Cllr Plim asked if the town council can speak to Network Rail about improving the exterior of the toilets.

00652 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7TH MAY 2025

00653 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

- a) To receive refurbishment works quote for Devonshire Square and recommend to Full Council.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend refurbishment works quote for Devonshire Square to Full Council.

The meeting closed at 19:04pm.

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