

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 6th November 2024** at **6:00pm**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; one videographer; Cllr Drayson; one member of the public.

00371 TO APPOINT VICE CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Byrne as Vice Chair.

00372 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00373 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

00374 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

00375 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00376 MINUTES

a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th September 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th September 2024.

00377 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL TO OWN AND MANAGE NEW DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES WITH A S106 AGREEMENT

It was **RESOLVED** to express an interest in the ownership and management of the new development facilities.

00378 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

a) To note tenders being sought for Devonshire Square toilet refit. – noted.

00379 CCTV

- a) To note £4,334.40 grant received towards cost of maintenance from Sussex Police Crime Commissioner. – noted.
- b) To note additional cameras being investigated for Egerton Park. – noted.
- c) To consider when the committee will implement the motion:
That 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.
It was **RESOLVED** to begin working on this review in April for the committee to consider next steps in June.

00380 TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

- a) To appoint third member to Town Accessibility Working Group.
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Wilson to the Town Accessibility Working Group.

00381 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT

- a) To note directorship of Combe Valley Countryside CIC pending and to appoint a councillor to join the board.
It was **RESOLVED** to defer the decision to the next meeting.
- b) To receive project report and consider request from David Dennis as follows:
 - i. That the Town Clerk could formally point out to RDC that Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council can ensure that future leaky dam work on the project will be conducted responsibly because it must be ‘signed off’ by the Environment Agency following a report to them by the South-East Rivers Trust.

It was **RESOLVED** to invite David Dennis to the next meeting to explain his request in more detail for the committee to fully understand.

00382 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) To note ‘Welcome to Bexhill’ signs installed. – noted.
- b) To note smaller ‘Welcome to Bexhill’ sign in Norman’s Bay not able to be installed as there is no suitable safe area for installation. – noted.

00383 BUS SHELTERS

- a) Bee Stops – To receive update from Lord Brett McLean. It was noted that Lord Brett McLean is meeting with Stagecoach Buses and this matter will be added back to the agenda once an update has been received.
- b) To note Endwell Road bus shelter repairs due week of 11th November 2024. – noted.
- c) To review W.Ave Arts designs for Ninfield Road, outside Lidl.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve W.Ave Arts designs for Ninfield Road, Lidl and proceed with the works.

- d) To note repairs underway for shelter outside New Inn. – noted.
- e) To note seeking quotes for repainting of shelter outside Manor Barn. – noted.

00384 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note SLR meeting to be held on 21st January 2025 – Cllr Plim and Cllr Goss. – noted.
- b) To note no further update on request for new grit bin in Pebsham. – noted.

00385 ALLOTMENT SITES

- a) To note fencing works underway and new signage to be fitted. – noted.
- b) To note 12 vacant plots at Preston Road, these will be prepared in the spring to meet demand. – noted.

00386 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note budget to date 30th September 2024 – 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%	
	<u>0</u>	<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,630</u>	<u>105</u>			<u>93.5%</u>	<u>0</u>
4610 Water	12	23	650	627		627	3.5%	
4620 Maintenance	7,195	28,092	4,000	(24,092)		(24,092)	702.3%	24,345
	<u>7,207</u>	<u>28,115</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>(23,465)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(23,465)</u>	<u>604.6%</u>	<u>24,345</u>
	<u>(7,207)</u>	<u>(26,590)</u>	<u>(3,020)</u>	<u>23,570</u>				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	7,195	24,345	0	(24,345)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(12)	(2,245)	(3,020)	(775)				

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>220 Amenities</u>								
4630 Additional Verge Cutting	0	24,309	24,309	0		0	100.0%	
4670 Domesday Project	1,825	5,850	10,000	4,150		4,150	58.5%	
4680 Bexhill in Bloom Projects	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	100.0%	
4690 Grit Bins	0	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
4700 Future Projects	0	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
	<u>1,825</u>	<u>35,159</u>	<u>45,809</u>	<u>10,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,650</u>	<u>76.8%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	(1,825)	(35,159)	(45,809)	(10,650)				

00387 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) Cllr Drayson:

That this Council:

- i. As a matter of urgency, informs Rother District Council of its desire to obtain the Freehold of the currently closed public toilets in Little Common.

Cllr Plim proposed the motion and put forward an amendment and remove “ Little Common” and insert “by using RDC Asset Disposal Policy.”

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council, as a matter of urgency, informs Rother District Council of its desire to obtain the Freehold of the currently closed public toilets by using the Rother District Council Asset Disposal Policy.

- ii. Once the valuation is available, enters negotiations with Rother Council District with a view to obtaining the said Freehold.

It was **RESOLVED** that once the valuation is available, that the Town Council enters negotiations with Rother District Council with a view to obtaining the freeholds.

00388 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) To consider signing up to Weald to Waves project – noted.
- b) To note speed limit letter to MP – ESALC. – noted.
- c) Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Order – noted.

00389 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.

Cllr Goss asked if this committee could meet each month.	Meeting dates for each municipal year are reviewed and agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council.
Cllr Plim asked if this committee could consider monthly meetings from next municipal year.	That is for the Full Council to decide in May 2025.
Cllr Wilson asked if there are enough councillors on this committee.	This committee is fully subscribed as per the terms of reference.

- b) To receive questions and future agenda items – there were none.

00390 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8TH JANUARY 2024

All motions for the meeting on the 8th January 2024 must be received before the 29th December 2024.

The meeting closed at 18:51pm.

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