

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 1st April 2026** at **6:30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Byrne, Cllr Dryason, Cllr Goss, Cllr Plim.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: M Webber, Deputy Clerk; L Muhilathithan; One Videographer, Two members of public.

00534 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of public spoke regarding the Serpollet Sculpture, the tender documents were issued on the 1stFebruary 2025, submission date was the 30thJune 2025, valuation and shortlisting was July 2025. The final selection was in September 2025. The tender documents state the model should be a faithful representation of the Serpollet steam car, a silhouette of a marshal holding a chequered flag must be included. The Council meet on 24th September 2025 stated the Council has submitted the chosen design for approval by National Highways. Then went on to say the Council intended to discuss the design once a response had been received from National Highways. As far as I know, this never happened. The Town Clerk at the time emailed me on the 25thSeptember, one other design was received for the sculpture. However, the Committee has decided to move forward with the intention of using our design, pending approval from National Highways. Council meet on the 7thJanuary Officers are in the process of contacting local metal workers who could build a sculpture following the agreed specification. At our meeting last Friday, we got the impression that it was once again open and that submissions had to be submitted by the 1stApril; or was this just for inquiries for a fabricator. I am totally confused. How is this progressing?

The progress of the investigation into the installation of the serpollet sculpture was discussed later in the meeting.

00535 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reason from Cllr El and Cllr Wilson.

00536 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

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

00537 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

00538 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the following meeting:

a) Wednesday 4th February 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th February 2026.

00539 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

a) To note that the bus shelter located on Gunter's Lane has been repaired. – noted.

00540 SERPOLLET SCULPTURE

a) To receive verbal update on the Serpollet Sculpture.

Cllr Drayson updated the Committee on the current stage of the investigation into the installation of a serpollet sculpture on the A259 Roundabout. To progress any further National Highways will need to formally assess the project in relation to the Roundabout. This will cost £6,000 upfront, but they will re-fund any underspend. This Committee can approve funding the investigation from our own budget allocation. Currently, there is £5,000 in future projects budget. Find the other £1,000 from either the £25,000 in the future asset fund or from the £145,000 remaining in general reserves. Though we are not discussing the final costs tonight we need to decide if we continue the investigation.

Discussion ensued.

Cllr Drayson proposed that this Committee authorise the allocation of up to £6,000 from its approved budget to undertake the further investigations required by National Highways to assess the viability of the project and the findings to be reported back to the Committee and Full Council in due course.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the allocation of up to £6,000 to undertake the further investigations required by National Highways to assess the viability of the project and the findings to be reported back to the Committee and Full Council in due course.

Cllr Plim proposed motion to ask the Deputy Town Clerk to contact various bodies to source funding opportunities and please work in conjunction with Mr and Mrs Brailsford who may have those contacts already.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Deputy Town Clerk to contact various bodies to source funding opportunities and please work in conjunction with Mr and Mrs Brailsford who may have those contacts already.

00541 STANDBY AND CALLOUT ALLOWANCE

- a) This item has been deferred until workload allows. – noted.

00542 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

- a) To receive update on the review of existing and potential new CCTV over the next three years, to arrange a meeting with Sussex Police, local PCSI, local chamber of Commerce, BRAG and other interested parties within the town. (Originally decided 4th September 2024).
To note the last review undertaken by Rother District Council and the Police stated no justification for additional CCTV. – noted.
- b) To receive update on the investigation into the possibility of installing new CCTV cameras in Egerton Park for Wildlife protection.
To note that Rother District Council and the Police have confirmed that they have no plans for additional CCTV in the park. – noted.

Discussion ensued.

To note the Deputy Town Clerk has met with the police and they have expressed that it is not necessary to put additional CCTV in the park but instead look at reporting the crime committed.

Cllr Plim suggested to investigate into the purchase of solar panel powered CCTV.

To note we have been told by the local authority that they do not have any plans to install further CCTV cameras.

00543 TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

- a) To receive update from Town Accessibility Working Group.
Cllr Drayson noted that the previously arranged meeting did not go ahead. Plans to re-schedule this meeting.

00544 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note no alternative location for Normans Bay 'Welcome to' sign. – noted.

Cllr Drayson requested this item be removed from future Amenities Committee agendas; to be brought back if someone has a suggestion.

00545 TOWN RANGERS

- a) To receive report. – report received.
To note report was circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting.

All Committee members gave positive feedback on the work of the Town Rangers.

00546 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There was none.

00547 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) WSP are in the process of undertaking several road safety improvement studies along the A26, A27 and A259 routes in East Sussex on behalf of National Highways. WSP would like to organise a date for a Teams meeting with the Council to ensure all issues and concerns along each route have been captured and get the views on potential improvement options.

Discussion ensued.

The Committee agreed for the dates to be sent out to all Councillors; the most common date requested by the Councillors will be chosen.

Cllr Byrne noted that not all Councillors may have access to teams, it may be worth checking everyone knows how to use it.

**00548 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE AGREED AT ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026.**

The meeting closed at 19:08pm.

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