

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 October 2025** at **6:30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Byrne, Cllr Drayson, Cllr Goss, Cllr Plim, Cllr Wilson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Daeva, Clerk; One videographer; 0 members of the public.

00224 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00225 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none. Cllr El and Cllr Rustem were marked as absent.

00226 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council and as a trustee of the Men's Shed.

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

Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest as a resident of a rural area in Bexhill-On-Sea.

00227 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00228 MINUTES

a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd July 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd July 2025.

00229 BUDGET PREDICTIONS:

a) To receive 2025-2026 budget report. – noted.

b) To receive budget predictions, report 2026-2027.

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It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate the possibility of Bexhill-On-Sea Town Council contracting out the cutting of grass verges to make verge cuts equitable between rural and urban areas, with an updated budget and options report being presented to Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** not to extend the Bexhill Wild Domesday project contract for a further year, but to recommend awarding the Bexhill Wild CIC a grant of £10,000 to Full Council, to be taken out of the Amenities Committee Budget for the 2026-2027 municipal year.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to request an update report on the spending of the funds given to Bexhill in Bloom for 2025-2026, and the predicted spending of the funds for 2026-2027.

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the grit bins budget to £3,000.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to report information on the allotment leak.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve £5,000 for general maintenance and to specify what would fall under this budget.

It was **RESOLVED** to remove the future asset funds budget pending advice from the Responsible Financial Officer.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the Glyne Gap Roundabout sculpture becomes the responsibility of the Amenities Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the 2026-2027 budget to Full Council pending answers to the committee's questions.

00230 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

- a) To note quotes for pointing of Devonshire Square toilets being sought and exploring designs for the front of the building. – noted.

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- b) To consider removal of Normans Bay toilet block graffiti removal for the cost of £1,500 plus VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate the possibility of the Town Rangers removing the graffiti and to action this when possible.

- c) To receive public conveniences report and to consider which public conveniences will remain open during the winter season. It was noted that a heading for 'damages' will be added to the report.

Cllr Plim declared interest as postal officer who uses east parade toilet.

It was **RESOLVED** for the following public conveniences to remain open during the winter season:

Little Common Roundabout, East Parade, West Parade, Sidley, Little Common recreation ground.

It was **RESOLVED** for the following public conveniences to close during the winter season:

Manor Barn, Cooden Sea Road, Normans Bay.

00231 COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

- a) To note the committee have not yet carried 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 and meeting pending. – noted.

00232 TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

- a) To note Cllr Blagrove has resigned from Town Accessibility Working Group and to consider nominating another member. It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Drayson to join the Town Accessibility Working Group.

00233 BUS SHELTERS

- a) To note Endwell Road bus shelter opposite blueberries designs still in workflow and will be received at the next meeting. – noted.

- b) To note complete refurbishment of Town Hall Square bus shelter taking place on Monday 29th September 2025. – it was noted that works are underway.
- c) To note exact location for Pebsham Lane Bus Shelter being located. – noted.

00234 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note motion carried by Full Council to ask East Sussex Highways to consider the installation of rubber kerb ramps in Bexhill-on-Sea. – noted.
- b) To note no alternative locations for Normans Bay 'Welcome To' sign located as yet. – noted.

00235 TOWN RANGERS

- a) To note Town Rangers in place and upcoming projects being discussed and prioritised. – noted.
- b) To receive update report. – noted.

00236 GRIT BINS

- a) To note grit bin for junction of Martyn's Way and Singleton Walk has been ordered. – noted.

00237 RENEWAL OF BRIDGE ON ROUNDACRE WAY PATH

- a) To note motion carried by full council for the renewal of the bridge over the stream at the end of the Roundacre Way path, and the replacement of the three steps down to this bridge, including provision of a handrail. – noted.

00238 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT

- a) To consider request to re-instate the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee.
It was **RESOLVED** not to reinstate the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee.

00239 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

00240 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) There was none.

00241 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.

Cllr Goss asked whether the committee could meet on a monthly basis.	Meeting dates for the year are approved at the annual meeting of the council.
Cllr Byrne asked what the contingency plan would be if a business leasing a public toilet were to fold, and whether the Town Council would want first refusal in such a scenario, suggesting the need to develop a strategy.	That would be for the committee decide.
Cllr Byrne also requested that Rother District Council be asked what actions they would take if a leaseholder were to go bankrupt and return the lease, and whether any action would be required from the Town Council in that event.	The question has been asked awaiting an answer from Rother District Council.

b) To receive questions and future agenda items.

Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting or before.

The Committee asked about the Town Ranger vehicle costs, noting the year-to-date total of £5,955 and seeking clarification on the higher initial invoices.

The Committee asked why no expenditure had been recorded for public toilets in the current month.

The Committee asked for confirmation that the £93,276 from earmarked reserves related to EMR 330.

The Committee asked about the increase in the service charge budget to £34,000 and how this compared to previous years.

The Committee queried the Domesday expenditure figure and sought clarification of the correct amount.

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The Committee asked why the Town Rangers' budget sits under the Amenities Committee and whether it could be reallocated elsewhere.

The Committee asked for clarification on the £15,000 allocated from the Town Rangers' wages budget towards new vehicles and how this relates to the 2026–27 budget for leases, fuel, and insurance.

The Committee asked about expenditure on uniforms and PPE and whether provision had been made for replacement items in future years.

The Committee queried the tools and equipment budget, seeking clarification on the current year's expenditure and the provision for 2026–27.

The Committee asked about the increased budget for the Preston Road allotments and the reasons for the higher anticipated water costs.

The Committee asked for clarification on the Accessibility Fund and whether it remains part of the earmarked reserves.

The Committee asked about the Future Project Fund and whether it remains included in the budget for the coming year.

The Committee asked about the purpose of the General Maintenance budget and whether the title could be amended.

The Committee raised questions regarding the budget figures for public toilets, particularly in light of discussions about retaining the East and West Parade facilities.

00242 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 1ST OCTOBER 2025

The meeting was closed at 20:44pm.

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