

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 June 2024 at 6:00pm**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; One Videographer; Cllr Thomas; 2 members of the public.

00057 TO ELECT CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Wilson as chair.

00058 TO ELECT VICE-CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Brailsford as vice-chair.

00059 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative of Bexhill Heritage spoke about the deterioration of the bus shelter on De La Warr Road and its history of it as a memorial to a past Mayor. The cost for renovation is approximately £9,000. The bus shelter on junction Third Avenue and Hastings Road also requires renovation at a cost of £3,850. Bexhill Heritage would like to work with the Town Council using resources together to complete both projects.

00060 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

00061 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

00062 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00063 MINUTES

- a) To approve the minutes of the meetings of:
- i. Asset Transfer Committee – Wednesday 17th April 2024.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Asset Transfer Committee on Wednesday 17th April 2024.
 - ii. Climate, Nature and Environment Committee – Wednesday 17th April 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee on Wednesday 17th April 2024.

00064 TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES FROM WAVE ARTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

00065 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Brailsford to the town accessibility working group. Two further positions on the committee will be considered at the next meeting.

00066 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

a) Devonshire Square Toilets – to receive update and consider next steps.

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee recommends to Full Council to continue with Rother District Council carrying out both maintenance and cleaning.

The number of cleans would be clarified.

A copy of the previous specification will be circulated to confirm opening and closing times.

b) To note update on Cooden Sea Road toilets to be re-opened from Bexhill Rail Action Group – noted.

c) To consider a business plan/strategy for public conveniences.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item until the report from the consultant has been received.

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate any building development or expanding the footprint of Devonshire Square with Network Rail whilst the consultant's report is worked on.

00067 CCTV

a) To note awaiting meeting dates from Sussex Police. – noted.

00068 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT

a) To note updates on decisions from previous meeting:

i. To note David Dennis' letter to the Secretary of the State to support an extension of the SSSI from Combe Valley over Galley Hill has been sent. – noted.

ii. To note CIC of Combe Valley do not have a position for a councillor on the CIC however had asked that the town council become members. – noted.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Council to become a member of the Combe Valley CIC.

- iii. To receive end of year one report – noted.

00069 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) To note ‘Welcome to Bexhill’ signs pending installation. – noted.
It was noted that the two signs on the A259, the sign on Ninfield Road are being replaced and a new sign is being installed on Combe Valley Way.
- b) ‘Town Rangers’ – To note project not progressed due to current workloads. – noted.
- c) To note Climate event booked for 13th July and plans now underway. – noted.
- d) Bexhill-in-Bloom – to receive any updates.
It was noted that judging is imminent.
- e) Bee Stops – to consider project next steps.
It was **RESOLVED** to support the project and ask for a report to be produced.

00070 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note no updates for SLR meeting – Cllr Plim and Cllr Goss will attend on 15th July at 3pm.
- b) To note no further update on request for new grit bin in Pebsham. – noted.
- c) To note contract and specification has been requested from contractor for Bus Shelters – noted.
- d) To consider requests for support from Bexhill Heritage regarding Third Avenue and Memorial Bus Shelter on De La Warr Parade.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that £15,000 CIL funds are used to support the Bexhill Heritage bus shelter projects.

00071 ALLOTMENT SITES

- a) To receive allotment reports:
- i. Sidley House – noted.
 - ii. Preston Road – noted.

It was **RESOLVED** for councillors to attend a site visit with the Clerk to the allotments. The Southern Housing fencing will be investigated on the visit.

- b) To note update on signs being replaced due to damage at Summerhill Allotments – noted.
- c) To note update on Barrack Hall drainage issues being investigated – noted.
- d) To note report from Bexhill Family Collective – noted.
It was noted that this work is excellent.

00072 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) To note budget for 2024-25

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
210 Allotments							
1110 Allotment Rent	0	1,354	1,630	276			83.1%
Allotments :- Income	0	1,354	1,630	276			83.1%
4610 Water	0	0	650	650	650	650	0.0%
4620 Maintenance	0	2,952	4,000	1,048		1,048	73.8%
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,952	4,650	1,698	0	1,698	63.5%
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(1,598)	(3,020)	(1,422)			
220 Amenities							
4630 Additional Verge Cutting	0	0	24,309	24,309	24,309	24,309	0.0%
4660 CNE Projects	0	775	0	(775)	(775)	(775)	0.0%
4670 Domesday Project	775	775	10,000	9,225	9,225	9,225	7.8%
4680 Bexhill in Bloom Projects	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
4690 Grit Bins	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
4695 Neighbourhood Plan	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
4700 Future Projects	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%
4710 CCTV	0	0	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	0.0%
4720 Future Asset Fund	0	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.0%
Amenities :- Indirect Expenditure	775	1,550	126,809	125,259	0	125,259	1.2%
Net Expenditure	(775)	(1,550)	(126,809)	(125,259)			
Grand Totals:- Income	0	1,354	1,630	276			83.1%
Expenditure	775	4,502	131,459	126,957	0	126,957	3.4%
Net Income over Expenditure	(775)	(3,148)	(129,829)	(126,681)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(775)	(3,148)	(129,829)	(126,681)			

Neighbourhood Plan has been transferred to the Planning And Development Committee.

b) To note unallocated CIL money, and to consider ringfencing for future projects – noted.

2022/23 £25,715.14

2023/24 £56,353.14

2024/25 £1,603.99

£83,672.27.

00073 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

00074 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a) Invite to LNRS event East Sussex, Brighton & Hove – 10th June, 6-7pm.
There were no volunteers to attend.

00075 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.
There are none.

b) To receive questions and future agenda items.
Cllr Plim asked if Welcome To Signs could be investigated for Norman's Bay.

Cllr Plim asked if the Town Council could liaise with East Sussex County Council and Town Board to renovate the twittens and footpaths running through Bexhill.

00076 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The meeting was closed at 19:16pm.

Signed..... Date.....

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