

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 4th February 2026** at **6:30pm**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: M Webber, Deputy Clerk; L Muhilathithan; One Videographer, three members of public, Cllr Huseyin (Ex Officio).

00427 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public queried how seriously the Council takes the safety of residents. The resident has been complaining about a certain part of the pavement that goes down from Camber Close to Ravenside for seven months. The pavement is covered by overgrown foliage, the soil bank is sliding down onto the pavement, there are bits of concrete and the fencing is broken. This is a danger to not only those with mobility problems, but for pedestrians and motorist – due to having to step into the road to get past those in mobility scooters. Been complaining since last July, it has been looked at three times. Today the resident has been informed that Highways are sending someone to look at it again. They have been told a specialist contractor is required. This needs to get done before someone gets hurt. This will be costly but even more costly if someone was to get hurt or killed on that road.

00428 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

00429 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

Cllr Huseyin (Deputy Mayor) present as Ex officio.

00430 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair expressed apologies to the public and those watching for having a bad cough throughout the previous meeting. Noted that UK Power Network has finished the repairs to connect the toilets in Devonshire Square, so they are now open. Item 17 has been accepted after the deadline to get the process started without unnecessary delay, which is why item 17 will also be moved up the agenda between item 5 and item 6.

00431 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the following meeting of the Amenities Committee:

a) Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Cllr Drayson suggested the removal of his declaration of interest, under Community Safety Matters, due to this not being relevant to the resolution.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 3rd December 2025, including the amendment proposed by Cllr Drayson.

00432 PREMISES OF BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL – (PREVIOUSLY ITEM 17)

a) To discuss future location of the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council office.

To note this item has been moved from Item 17 to item 6.

Cllr Drayson referred to the discussion in the last Full Council meeting of the unsuitability of the current office, and rejection of alternative premises. Two parallel matters to be looked at; one, requirement to identify short-term premises as alternative to the hub.; two, the need to look for a permanent home for the Council within the Town.

Due to the structure of the Committee and time sensitive manner of this matter Cllr Drayson put forward a motion that the Amenities Committee propose to Full Council that a working group be formed; the working group would be required to report to Full Council at the latest July 2026 to decide on the future location of the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Office.

This motion fell.

Cllr Plim proposed that this Committee instruct the Deputy Clerk to produce scenarios based on Cllr Wilson's Full Council motion of what the Officers would like the premises to include.

This motion was amended for the scenarios to be ready for the Next Full Council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to produce scenarios based on Cllr Wilson's Full Council motion of what the Officers would like to have in the potential new premises, to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

Cllr Wilson proposed to investigate the availability of additional office space if need be.

This motion was amended to include additional short-term office space if need be.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Officers to investigate the availability of short-term additional office space if required.

00433 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

- a) To note that the graffiti on Normans Bay Public Conveniences was removed on the 14th January 2026. – noted.

00434 SERPOLLET SCULPTURE FOR GLYNE GAP ROUNDABOUT

- a) To receive report on the Serpollet Sculpture.
- b) To consider approving the installation of the Serpollet Sculpture on Glyne Gap Roundabout; To decide where to assign the budget from to fund the Serpollet Sculpture.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item until the April Amenities Committee meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to organise a meeting with the Chair of the Committee, the Chair of Full Council, the Deputy Clerk and Mr and Mrs Brailsford; to discuss the original plans behind this project and gain clarity.

00435 UPDATE ON BEXHILL IN BLOOM FUNDING

- a) To receive verbal update. – verbal update received.

00436 STANDBY AND CALLOUT ALLOWANCE

- a) To receive report. – Deferred until workload allows.

00437 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 PCSO, Local Chamber of Commerce, BRAG and other interested parties within the town.

It was noted that a meeting has been scheduled for the 9th February 2026 with the Deputy Clerk, Rother District Councils Community Safety Team and the Local Police Inspector.

Cllr Wilson requested that the original motion for this item be investigated to determine how much longer is left of the proposed 3-year review; and that this date be added to future agendas.

- b) To receive update on the investigation into the possibility of installing new CCTV cameras in Egerton Park for Wildlife protection.
This item was not discussed.

00438 TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

- a) To receive update from Town Accessibility Working Group. – verbal update received.

00439 BUS SHELTERS

- a) To receive an update on the installation of the Pebsham Lane Bus Shelter. – verbal update received.

It was noted that East Sussex Highways informed the Deputy Clerk that due to the current development taking place in Pebsham the bus routes are due for review. At this time, they recommended that the Council not resolve to install a bus shelter in this area until the review has been completed.

It was noted for the Deputy Clerk to contact East Sussex Highways and request if the Council can be updated when the bus route review takes place.

00440 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To receive update on the installation of rubber kerb ramps. – verbal update received.

It was noted that East Sussex Highways will not allow the installation of rubber kerb ramps as these are used primarily as a temporary measure and cannot be a permanent solution due to risk of deterioration. The only solution that is permitted is the installation of

drop kerbs. However, due to financial circumstances Highways will not be accepting applications for new drop kerbs until April 2026.

- b) To note no alternative locations for Normans Bay 'Welcome To' sign located as yet. – noted.

The Committee queried the current whereabouts of the Sign that was previously located on Combe Valley Way.

- c) To receive update on the investigation into the installation of a convex mirror where Sea Road and Cantelupe Road join. – verbal update received.

It was noted that East Sussex Highways cannot install a convex mirror where Sea Road and Cantelupe Road join because they only install convex mirrors on roads that have frequent accidents. East Sussex Highways performed a crash analysis on the area and concluded there had only been one small collision; therefore, does not require a convex mirror.

00441 TOWN RANGERS

- a) To receive an update on the work of the Town Rangers. – verbal update received.

The Town Rangers have been cleaning the bus stops; removing small amounts of graffiti; several twittens have been cleared; plans for cleaning road signs due to concerns for road safety; now responsible for 5 town planters, there will be a seasonal rotation; Normans Bay Public Conveniences plans have been paused until further information can be provided from Rother District Council; maintenance on the Watermill allotments is underway.

00442 GRIT BINS

- a) To note the grit bin for the junction of Martyn's Way and Singleton Walk has been ordered, this is number 15 on East Sussex County Council's priority list. – noted.

00443 RENEWAL OF BRIDGE ON ROUNDACRE WAY PATH

- a) To receive verbal update. – Verbal update received.

It was noted that the renewal of the bridge on Roundacre Way Path cannot be done due to being located on private land.

00444 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There was none.

00445 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Drayson proposed the motion for all Councillors to email their road name suggestions to the Deputy clerk for the new streets in the Gateway Development by the 10thFebruary 2026 to then be forwarded to Rother District Council.

It was **RESOLVED** for all Councillors to email the Deputy Clerk with suggested Street names by the 10thFebruary 2026, to then be forwarded to Rother District Council.

00446 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026

All motions for the next meeting of Amenities Committee on 1st April 2026 must be received by 21st March 2026.

The meeting was closed 19:54pm.

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