

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Amenities Committee:
VACANCY; Cllr Byrne; Cllr El; Cllr Goss; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Wilson

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the
AMENITIES COMMITTEE of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
to be held in the **Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Eversley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea**
on **Wednesday 6th November 2024** at **6:00pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

31st October 2024

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. TO APPOINT VICE CHAIR

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with standing order 3(e) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.

In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. MINUTES

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

(Appendix A)

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

(Appendix B)

8. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

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

9. CCTV

- a) To note £4,334.40 grant received towards cost of maintenance from Sussex Police Crime Commissioner.
- b) To note additional cameras being investigated for Egerton Park.
- 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.

10. TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

- a) To appoint third member to Town Accessibility Working Group.

11. BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT

- a) To note directorship of Combe Valley Countryside CIC pending and to appoint a councillor to join the board.
- 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. *(Appendix C)*

12. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) To note 'Welcome to Bexhill' signs installed.
- 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.

13. BUS SHELTERS

- a) Bee Stops – To receive update from Lord Brett McLean.
- b) To note Endwell Road bus shelter repairs due week of 11th November 2024.
- c) To review W.Ave Arts designs for Ninfield Road, outside Lidl.
- d) To note repairs underway for shelter outside New Inn.
- e) To note seeking quotes for repainting of shelter outside Manor Barn.

14. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note SLR meeting to be held on 21st January 2024 – Cllr Plim and Cllr Goss.
- b) To note no further update on request for new grit bin in Pebsham.

15. ALLOTMENT SITES

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

16. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note budget to date 30th September 2024

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
210 Allotments								
1110 Allotment Rent	0	1,525	1,630	105			93.5%	
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Allotments :- Income	0	1,525	1,630	105			93.5%	0
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
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Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	7,207	28,115	4,650	(23,465)	0	(23,465)	604.6%	24,345
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Net Income over Expenditure	(7,207)	(26,590)	(3,020)	23,570				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	7,195	24,345	0	(24,345)				
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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
220 Amenities								
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%	
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Amenities :- Indirect Expenditure	1,825	35,159	45,809	10,650	0	10,650	76.8%	0
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Net Expenditure	(1,825)	(35,159)	(45,809)	(10,650)				

17. 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
- ii. Once the valuation is available, enters negotiations with Rother Council District Council with a view to obtaining the said Freehold.

18. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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

19. 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.

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

20. 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.