

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Climate, Nature and Environment Committee
Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Izzard; Cllr Norris; Cllr Taylor-Gee; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Winter; Cllr Wray

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the
CLIMATE, NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
to be held in the **Committee Room, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea**
on **Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 7pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

22nd September 2022

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.

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chairman 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 chairman 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 chairman 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 chairman of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting on 15th June 2022 (Appendix A)

6. TO RECEIVE NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a) Notes from Climate and Nature Emergency Panel 17/08/2022 (Appendix B)
 - i. To consider first draft of Climate Action Plan (Appendix C)
- b) Town Accessibility Working Group – meeting deferred.
- c) Beach and Sea Working Group – meeting deferred.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) To note update on 'Hello Bexhill' projects.
 - i. Happy to Chat – to consider installing bench at St Barnabas Church Gardens.
 - ii. 'Welcome to Bexhill' signs - to consider latest design
- b) To note request made for information from Rother District Council on how the town council can fit into its emergency response and disaster planning.
- c) To consider installing sign for the Angling Club on totem sign on West Parade.
- d) To receive update from W.ave Arts on plan to tackle graffiti issues with the Town Council.
- e) To note dog waste bin collections is carried out by Rother District Council within their existing waste services contract therefore it is not possible to price the service separately and to consider next steps.
- f) Sewage release on Galley Hill – to receive correspondence from Rother District Council reference a meeting with East Sussex County Council, MPs and Southern Water and consider next steps.
- g) To note Community Committee lobbying Rother District Council regarding Glyne Gap roundabout improvements.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) To note Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting being arranged with East Sussex County Council to raise outstanding highways matters from last agenda and to nominate members to attend.
- b) To note consultation on school streets All Saints, Sidley.

9. ALLOTMENT SITES

- a) To note income and expenditure update from RDC

CostC (T)	Cat3 (T)	Account (T)	Sum of Amount
[-] Allotments- Bexhill	[+]		8.80
	[-] Allotments - Broad Oak Park	Grounds maintenance non-routine	42.26
		Recovery of costs incurred	-43.00
		Repairs to Premises	274.66
		Water	244.01
	Allotments - Broad Oak Park Total		517.93
	[-] Allotments - Preston Road	Grounds maintenance non-routine	1,576.57
		Grounds maintenance routine	963.92
		Rent income	-1,100.30
		Water	128.34
	Allotments - Preston Road Total		1,568.53
	[-] Allotments - Sidley House	Rent income	-265.82
	Allotments - Sidley House Total		-265.82
	[-] Allotments- All Saints Lane, Bexhill	Grounds maintenance routine	66.28
		Water	202.26
	Allotments- All Saints Lane, Bexhill Total		268.54
Grand Total			2,097.98

- To note clerk has requested full breakdown of the budget lines for both income and expenditure.
- b) To receive correspondence from Summerhill allotments (circulated prior to the meeting)
- c) To consider request to permit the installation of a composting toilet on the Broad Oak Allotment site.
- d) To note padlock issues at Barrack Hall site and issues with parked vehicles.
- e) To note gate repair being carried out by RDC at Barrack Hall.

- f) To consider RDC request for approval of allotment fee rise

		Current Charges per Plot per Annum (2022/2023)	Proposed Charges per Plot per Annum (2023/2024)
Small Plot	<125sqm	£52.00	£57.00
Large Plot	>125sqm	£101.00	£111.00

- g) To receive update on recruitment of facility officer to manage allotments.

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note current budget position year to date (Appendix D)
 b) To consider budget request for 2023/24

11. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Thomas:

This Committee urges Southern Water and all associated companies:

- i. To make public an investigation into the causes of the equipment failures at the Galley Hill pumping station, and of actions to be taken to prevent a recurrence.
- ii. To install back-up equipment capable of taking over and managing key functions in the event of a breakdown of the primary machinery.
- iii. To set a date, no later than 2027, for all sewage discharges into the sea to cease in the Bexhill Town Council area, and areas adjacent to it.
- iv. To increase investment in the sewage and wastewater systems within Bexhill to ensure efficient treatment of the same, sufficient to meet present and predicted demand.
- v. To provide compensation for the losses and costs suffered because of the calamitous failures of Southern Water.

- b) Cllr Thomas

Would the committee support a motion to full council to use the space in the ground floor of the new offices to support a community fridge?

- c) Cllr Thomas (referred from Full Council)

That this council consider supporting the proposal for a new direct railway route to Polegate.

12. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

All circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- a) Email from resident requesting assistance with land encroaching her property that ESCC advised is town council owned 08/08/2022
- b) Email from resident requesting the town council support improvements to Devonshire Square 29/08/2022
- c) Email from resident concerning sewage spill at Galley Hill 22/08/2022
- d) Email from resident concerning sewage spill at Galley Hill 20/08/2022
- e) Email from visitor concerning perceived risks of rocks on beach 13/08/2022
- f) Trees for Cities Project – Tree planting in Bexhill 28/07/2022 and 08/09/2022
- g) Upgrades to gas network The Glades 22/07/2022

13. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a) Questions from the last meeting

Cllr Izzard Could the council contact Rother District Council for more information on the Combe Valley Nature Reserve issues raised concerning sewage issue.	This item is on the agenda
Cllr Thomas Would the committee support a motion to full council to use the space in the ground floor of the new town council offices to support a community fridge.	This item is on the agenda

b) To receive questions and future agenda items

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

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16th NOVEMBER 2022