

**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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024** at **6:00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Goss; Cllr Plim; Cllr Wilson.

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

**00221 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public spoke about a known group of youths attacking ducks and setting fires in Egerton Park and asked the council to fund project "Operation Quackdown". This would require the council to fund at least two CCTV cameras by the pond to protect its wildlife and those visiting the park due to an increase in threatening behaviour and vandalism.

**00222 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**00223 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr Brailsford declared an interest as the secretary to Bexhill In Bloom.

**00224 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**00225 MINUTES**

a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**00226 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

a) To receive report from public toilet consultants and consider next steps.  
It was **RESOLVED** to seek tenders on the full re-fit for Devonshire Square Toilets.

It was **RESOLVED** to seek tenders on the recommendations for the Channel View East toilets and enquire with Rother District Council to

ascertain if they would allow the Town Council to `utilise the site opposite to build a new accessible toilet.

- b) To note cleaning and maintenance contract underway with Wetton for Devonshire Square Toilets. – noted.
- c) To note Full Council reviewing East Parade toilet lease. – noted.
- d) To note investigation on potential building developments/ footprint expansions of Devonshire Square added to task list. – noted.

The following motions were moved forward on the agenda:

**00227 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- a) Cllr Wilson.

That the Amenities Committee carry out a review of existing and potential new CCTV in collaboration with Sussex Police, local PCSO, local Chamber of Commerce, Brag and possibly other interested parties in the town.

It was **RESOLVED** 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.

- b) Cllr Plim.

That this Council contact our Police Force partners within the current CCTV funding agreement with a view to funding an additional camera to be located within Egerton Park.

It was **RESOLVED** that this Council contact our Police Force partners within the current CCTV funding agreement with a view to funding additional cameras to be located within Egerton Park.

**00228 CCTV**

- a) To review CCTV documentation.

The CCTV documentation was **REVIEWED**.

**00229 TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS TO THE TOWN ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP**

It was **RESOLVED** to seek members at the next Full Council meeting.

**00230 BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT**

- a) To note membership of Combe Valley CIC in progress. – noted.

**00231 BUS SHELTERS**

- a) To note Full Council decision that £15,000 CIL funds are used to support the Bexhill Heritage bus shelter projects. – noted.
- b) To approve essential repairs to Endwell Road bus shelter at £2117.00 + VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve essential repairs to Endwell Road bus shelter at £2117.00 +VAT.

- c) To consider W.Ave Arts collaboration project to address graffiti issues. It was **RESOLVED** to collaborate with W.Ave Arts on the following bus shelters:
  - 1. Ninfield Road (outside Lidl)
  - 2. Ninfield Road (outside dry cleaners)
  - 3. Ninfield Road (outside no 19)
  - 4. Ninfield road (outside New Inn)
  - 5. Endwell Road (opposite Blueberries)
  - 6. Endwell Road (near station)

East Sussex Highways approval shall be sought, and designs shall be approved by the Amenities Committee before the project goes ahead.

**00232 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a) To note ‘Welcome to Bexhill’ being manufactured. – noted.
- b) To consider investigating a ‘Welcome to’ sign in Norman’s Bay. It was **RESOLVED** to investigate a smaller sign saying “Welcome to Bexhill “Norman’s Bay” near to the Norman’s Bay border.
- c) To receive feedback on climate event held on 13<sup>th</sup> July. – noted.
- d) Bee Stops – To receive update and consider next steps - there was no further update.

**00233 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- a) To note no further response from East Sussex County Council on Strengthening Local Relationships meeting – Cllr Plim and Cllr Goss. – there was an update following the issuing of the agenda.
- b) To note no further update on request for new grit bin in Pebsham. – it was noted that this will be chased up with the East Sussex County Councillor.
- c) To consider writing to the Town Board requesting that twittens and footpaths are renovated. This was put forward as a motion however, due to having no seconder, the motion fell.

**00234 ALLOTMENT SITES**

- a) To note allotment reports to follow at next meeting. – noted.
- b) To receive feedback on Councillor allotment site visit 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Councillors felt that the benefits of the hard work put into the allotments was evident.
- c) To note tree works underway at both sites. – noted.

**00235 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- a) To note budget performance as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024

	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>220 Amenities</u>								
4630 Additional Verge Cutting	0	24,309	24,309	0		0	100.0%	
4670 Domesday Project	825	4,025	10,000	5,975		5,975	40.3%	
4680 Bexhill in Bloom Projects	5,000	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%	
Amenities :- Indirect Expenditure	5,825	33,334	45,809	12,475	0	12,475	72.8%	0
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>(5,825)</b>	<b>(33,334)</b>	<b>(45,809)</b>	<b>(12,475)</b>				

- b) To consider budget requests for 2025-26.  
It was **RESOLVED** to request the following budget requests for 2025-26:
  1. Additional Verge Cutting to remain £26,000
  2. Domesday project to remain £10,000
  3. Bexhill In Bloom to remain £5,000
  4. Grit bins to remain £1,500
  5. Future Projects £5,000
  6. CCTV £110,000 (continue to seek external funding for new cameras)
  7. Toilet Cleaning and maintenance £50,000
  8. Parks and Gardens “top up” maintenance - a figure shall be obtained from Rother District Council on the cost of maintaining the current contract.
  9. Bus Shelters cleaning and maintenance £10,000
  10. Allotments – to be confirmed after further research.

**00236 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Request from resident to improve the standard of grass cuts – noted.
- b) Request from resident to fund CCTV in Egerton Park – noted.

**00237 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.

Cllr Plim asked if 'Welcome To' signs could be investigated for Norman's Bay.	This item is on the agenda.
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-on-Sea	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.

Cllr Goss asked if this committee could meet each month.

Cllr Plim asked if this committee could consider monthly meetings from next municipal year.

Cllr Wilson asked if there are enough councillors on this committee.

**00238      DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

*The meeting was closed at 20:04pm.*