

## BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL Climate, Nature and Environment Committee** held at the **Town Hall Committee Room** on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021** upon the rising of the extra-ordinary Full Council.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Plim; Cllr Baldry; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Izzard; Cllr Norris; Cllr Taylor-Gee; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Wray.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J Miller, Clerk; County Councillor Ian Hollidge; Cllr Gibson.

**00310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Brailsford.

**00311. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were none.

**00312. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Wray thanked the committee for its progress in climate matters and read out part of the Queen's speech from COP26 to illustrate how well the councillors are working together.

*The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to address the meeting.*

**00313. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Gibson spoke in support of a pedestrian crossing or traffic calming in Sackville ward and highlighted the concerns about traffic on De La Warr Road and Sea Road which make for unsafe crossing.

Cllr Izzard spoke about the current increase in COVID cases and gave advice on reducing transmission of the virus. Data will be sent to the clerk to circulate to members.

*The meeting was reconvened.*

**00314. MINUTES**

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

b) To receive notes/update from Community, Climate and Nature Emergency Panel

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the recommendations from the Panel as follows:

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- 1) That Council Members and staff reduce their own carbon emissions where possible, for instance using public transport or walking/cycling or car sharing to local meetings.
  - 2) That the Council develops a carbon monitoring system in collaboration with the panel, to assess, monitor and reduce its own carbon footprint.
  - 3) The council seeks to ensure plans are developed to make any premises it takes on are carbon neutral with a target of 2025.
  - 4) The Council applies for the National Lottery Together for our Planet funding with support from the members on the Community Climate & Nature Panel. - If successful this will help fund the council to hire a regular meeting venue, to hold talks and training workshops, invite speakers to inspire and empower the community to come up with climate action priorities that can be taken forward by the newly formed Bexhill Town Council.
  - 5) Recommend to full council to fund at least 3 Councillors/Staff members to attend the Zero Carbon Britain: Carbon Literacy for Local Authorities course at the cost of £140 per person (£420 total). Attendees will be accredited with Climate literate status.
- c) To receive notes/updates from the Beach and Sea Working Group  
It was noted that the group is yet to meet.

**00315. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

To consider which committee the Neighbourhood Plan should report to the Planning Committee considering its requirements to align with the Local Plan and planning policies.

It was **RESOLVED** to maintain the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reporting to this committee.

Cllr Carroll left the meeting at 19:43pm

Cllr Carroll re-entered the meeting at 19:46pm

- d) To consider making a budget request from 2022-23 precept  
It was **RESOLVED** to add £20,000 to the budget projections for 2022-23 for future climate, nature and environment projects as per the terms of reference of the committee.

**00316. CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT 2021 – COASTAL COMMUNITIES**

- a) To consider report feedback from Cllr Thomas  
[Chief Medical Officer's annual report 2021: health in coastal communities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to discuss the recommendations from Cllr Thomas at the next meeting.

**00317. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- a) To consider how to record and address graffiti issues  
It was **RESOLVED** to request a report from Rother District Council on graffiti issues and to ask that an officer present back to the committee.

**00318. HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- a) To note request for assistance with pavement bollards on Sackville Road opposite Parkhurst Road and meeting with officer pending – noted.
- b) To note pavement survey assistance completed – noted. A report will be requested from the group.
- c) To consider councillors ideas on a vision for disability access in Bexhill. It was noted that WAVE Arts group have been working on access to the beach and Rother District Council are investigating funding wheelchairs suitable for the beach.  
The issues with accessing shops in the town was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Izzard, Thomas and Baldry to form a working group to research the issues in the town.
- d) To receive information on the litter enforcement in Brighton/Hove. The information was noted.  
To consider request for support pedestrian crossing near Ninfield Road to access Dragonflies nursery.  
It was **RESOLVED** to support this request.
- e) To consider request for support for pedestrian crossing or traffic calming measures near Sackville apartments.  
It was **RESOLVED** to support this request.
- f) To consider request for support for safety measures on Belle Hill.  
It was **RESOLVED** to support this request.
- g) To consider request for support for cycling safety measures on Wrestwood Road, near college.  
It was **RESOLVED** to support this request.
- h) To consider meeting with East Sussex County Council highways officers - Strengthening Local Relationships 'SLR' to formulate a highways action plan to review viability of highways support requests.  
It was **RESOLVED** to set up a 'SLR meeting' to discuss all of the items listed above. Cllr Plim and Cllr Carroll will attend with the clerk,

**00319. ALLOTMENT SITES**

- a) To note allotment legal report being investigated – awaiting documentation from Rother District Council – noted.
- b) To note solicitor arranging transfers of ownership of allotment sites to the town council and the co-operative lease at Summerhill – noted.
- c) To note Barrack Hall allotment holders in favour of bee hive – noted.  
It was noted that Councillors could visit the site to view the project.

**00320. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- a) Cllr Taylor-Gee  
To consider opposing chemical weed spraying.

It was **RESOLVED** to oppose chemical weed spraying in Bexhill-on-Sea and work with Rother District Council to create a pesticide use policy.

b) Cllr Taylor-Gee

To consider hanging baskets for the town.

It was **RESOLVED** to invite Cllr Fenner and Cllr Carroll's contact to the committee to talk about flower displays.

**00321. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) To receive letter from resident concerning traffic on Sea Road.

It was noted that these issues will be added into the SLR meeting with ESCC.

**00322. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

a) Questions from the last meeting

Cllr Taylor-Gee asked for the consideration of opposing chemical weed spraying to be placed on the next agenda.	This is on the agenda
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b) Questions from councillors and future agenda items

Cllr Taylor-Gee asked if the council should write a statement to promote its interest regarding Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Cllr Izzard asked for an update from RDC and ESCC on Electric Vehicle Charging Points and for this to be added to the next agenda.

Cllr Izzard asked for an emergency COVID 19 debate on the next agenda.

Cllr Izzard asked for the committee to consider the modern.gov system.

Cllr Plim asked for the Chamber of Commerce to be requested to present to the committee on their actions in relation to climate change.

Cllr Wray asked for ESCC for an update to be obtained from ESCC on the London Road consultation

Cllr Thomas requested that the museum staff are invited to the next meeting to discuss their ideas about the environment.

Cllr Izzard thanked the clerk for all the work put into the committee's actions.

**00323. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

*The meeting closed at 21:09pm*

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