

## **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Climate, Nature and Environment Committee  
VACANCY; VACANCY; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Norris; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas

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 **Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Bexhill-on-Sea**  
on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm**  
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

*Julie Miller*

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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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**

*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.*

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Appendix A)

#### **6. TO RECEIVE THIRD THREE-MONTHLY REPORT ON THE DOMESDAY PROJECT AND SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW DAVID DENNIS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

(Appendix B)

#### **7. TO RECEIVE NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

- a) Town Accessibility Working Group – To note working group to be formed after the AGM.

## **8. BEXHILL WILD DOMESDAY PROJECT**

- a) To note updates on decisions from previous meeting:
  - i. To note update on Full Council decision to support David Dennis to write to the Secretary of the State to support an extension of the SSSI from Combe Valley over Galley Hill.
  - ii. To note update from the CIC of Combe Valley to investigate a position for a councillor on the CIC.
  - iii. To receive update on the publicising of the events that David Dennis holds and the plans for a future event similar to the previous Climate Action Event, to be held in July 2024.
  - iv. To receive update from the Clerk on working with David Dennis to see if plans could be moved forward.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- a) 'Welcome to Bexhill' signs - To approve invoice to supply and install four signs £5750.16.  
Replace two A259 existing signs, replace sign on Ninfield Road, install new sign on Combe Valley Way.
- b) To note Wave Arts to be invited to the next Amenities Committee meeting to discuss ways of dealing with graffiti issues.
- c) Sewage release on Galley Hill – To note meeting to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm.
- d) 'Town Rangers' – To note project not progressed due to current workloads.
- e) Bexhill in Bloom – To note meeting being arranged with committee and Bee Stops to be added to the agenda.
- f) Emergency Resilience Plan – To note that the plan cannot proceed without two volunteers in each ward to implement emergency plans and consider next steps.
- g) Verge-cutting – To note new verge-cutting season has begun.

## **10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- a) To note no updates for SLR meeting – Cllr Plim and Cllr Thomas.
- b) Grit bins – to note final cost of grit bin at £423.24.
- c) To note request for new grit bin in Pebsham.

## **11. ALLOTMENT SITES**

- a) To receive allotment reports
  - i. Sidley House (Appendix C)
  - ii. Preston Road (Appendix D)
- b) To consider extending lease term at Summerhill Allotments.
- c) To note signs being replaced due to damage at Summerhill Allotments.
- d) To note Barrack Hall drainage issues being investigated and hard standing to be re-instated.
- e) To note report from Bexhill Family Collective to be presented at next meeting.

## **12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- a) To note advertisement published seeking steering group members.

### 13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) To note budget performance as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

<u>210 Allotments</u>							
1110 Allotment Rent	1,066	1,365	299		78.1%		
Allotments :- Income	<u>1,066</u>	<u>1,365</u>	<u>299</u>		<u>78.1%</u>	<u>0</u>	
4600 Allotment Management Fees	(0)	0	0	0	0.0%		
4610 Water	100	650	550	550	15.4%		
4620 Maintenance	9,769	4,000	(5,769)	(5,769)	244.2%		
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>9,868</u>	<u>4,650</u>	<u>(5,218)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,218)</u>	<u>212.2%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(8,802)</u>	<u>(3,285)</u>	<u>5,517</u>				
<u>220 Other CNE</u>							
4630 Additional Verge Cutting	18,068	19,000	932	932	95.1%		
4660 CNE Projects	2,678	0	(2,678)	(2,678)	0.0%		
4700 Future Projects	4,445	20,000	15,555	15,555	22.2%		
Other CNE :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>25,190</u>	<u>39,000</u>	<u>13,810</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,810</u>	<u>64.6%</u>	
Net Expenditure	<u>(25,190)</u>	<u>(39,000)</u>	<u>(13,810)</u>				

### 14. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- a) To note Full Council decision that £60,000 of the available CIL Funds are to be spent on allotment safety measures.
- b) To note remaining CIL money and to consider next steps.

£ 85,715.14	2022/23
£ 56,353.14	2023/24
£ 142,068.28	
£ 60,000.00	allotments
£ 82,068.28	

### 15. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

### 16. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There are none.

### 17. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Questions carried forward from last meeting.  
There are none.
- b) To receive questions and future agenda items.  
*Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting or before.*

### 18. TO NOTE FULL COUNCIL DECISION TO TRANSFER TERMS OF REFERENCE TO AMENITIES COMMITTEE AS OF MAY 2024