

# **Bexhill Town Centre Steering Group**

## **Update from the LIVE sub-group**

By Cllr Paul Courtel

### **Litter:**

In view of the number of complaints on Facebook about Litter as well as this being a problem that could be addressed with limited resources, this was the focus of the LIVE sub-group meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### **Achieved so far:**

- 30 bins ordered and received following a successful grant bid. 15 to be installed in Bexhill.
- Solar powered Compressor bin ordered for Marina opposite mini-Bertha at cost of £5,000. This can contain the equivalent of 10 bins.
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### **Leaflet to publicise the "Report it" function:**

AE to develop. To be circulated to retailers and residents of Town Centre streets. Agreed.

### **Change to possible evening collection:**

Formal quote on change of collection times to evening instead of morning collections, as well as addition of London Road, is being sought. RDC Officer Anna Evett (AE) believes this will be very costly.

### **Consideration of very large static bins:**

These exist in central St Leonard's. Beautifully designed.

AE sees these as a ***substantial cost saving*** by comparison with the daily collections.

Issues are:

- Where to locate?
- Will residents dump refuse adjacent to the bins? Or not be willing to walk to a communal bin and leave refuse bags in the street for seagulls to destroy? AE has concerns about these issues.

### **Consideration of underground storage:**

Difficult on Town Centre streets because of underground pipes and cabling for utilities.

Bexhill Town Cllr Viv Taylor-Gee would like these installed on the seafront. AE has similar concerns about the public's behaviour.

**Seagull proof bags:**

Cost £9.90 + VAT = £11.88

RDC Officer Deborah Kenneally (DK) considers them "unsightly" and is having them removed if spotted during the day.

PC comment: Is rubbish left on the street worse? Perhaps a Customer-friendly approach might be more productive than a punitive approach towards residents.

**Five additional bins on Sackville Road:**

Proposed by DK following discussion with AE.

DK and AE have reservations about whether they would work as this depends upon residents' behaviour.

PC takes the view that the design of the bins is critical to the outcome. Should they be open, like the one adjacent to Eversley Rod car park, seagulls will pick out the content and litter the street.

**Appearance of Town Centre Properties**

Agreed to instruct Officers to send a letter to sub-standard properties followed by Section 215 notices if necessary.

RDC Councillors to take photos of offending buildings and refer to Environmental Health Officers for action.

Cllr Hazel Timpe has reported a property on Sea Road.

**Planters on Town Centre Streets**

For future consideration.

Paul Courtel

27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

