

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 9th March 2022 at 6.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Wray; Cllr Plim; Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Izzard; Cllr Taylor-Gee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; Cllr Winter; three members of the public.

00529. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00530. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Carroll, Cllr Thomas, and Cllr Norris.

00531. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

00532. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman spoke of the potential long-term effects of the war in Ukraine and asked the committee to consider this for future discussion.

The Chairman reported that there has been concern on social media that the council is spending too long on environmental issues. The Chairman said that the council should continue to do so as its important to the well-being of Bexhill.

00533. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO HEAR UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Lynsey White addressed the meeting and updated the committee on the work of Community Supporters.

00534. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to sign and approve the minutes from the meeting of the 26th January 2022.

It was agreed to move the following item forward:

00535. ALLOTMENTS SITE

It was **RESOLVED** to require the tenant under 18.2.2 to write to the properties that have encroached on the land and ask them to move the fence back.

It was **RESOLVED** for the town council to subscribe to the National Society of Allotment Leisure Gardeners membership of allotment society and seek further advice on the encroachments

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00536. TO RECEIVE NOTES FROM WORKING GROUPS

- a) Notes from Climate and Nature Emergency Panel 25th February & 8th March.
 - i. To consider recommending project plan to Finance and General Purposes committee
It was **RESOLVED** to update the project plan with an explanation of the structure of the proposed meeting and submit the plan to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- b) Town Accessibility Working Group – meeting on 11th March.
- c) Beach and Sea Working Group – meeting to be arranged.
Cllr Plim reported that he attended the Operation Radcott meeting at Rother District Council and will be bringing forward a motion for Bexhill to be represented more fully.

00537. UPDATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

- a) To note that the Council was unsuccessful in its bid to the National Lottery 'Together for our Planet' funding – noted.
- b) To note Cllr Taylor-Gee and Cllr Thomas have agreed to attend the May course dates for Zero Carbon Britain: Carbon Literacy for Local Authorities course, this is being arranged – noted.

00538. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) To note verbal update on 'Hello Bexhill' projects.
Cllr Wray left the meeting at 20:43 and rejoined the meeting at 20:45
Cllr Brailsford left the meeting at 20:47 – and rejoined the meeting at 20:49
It was agreed to work on a design for traditional signage using 'Bexhill-on-Sea' and images of the Collonade.
The sign could be manufactured in shape of a Serperle or traditional shape. It could include the flag and the coat of arms.
It was noted that the 'Happy to Chat' benches policy and marketing material will be presented to the next meeting.
- b) To debate COVID 19 (Cllr Izzard).
It was **RESOLVED** to request information from Rother District Council on how the town council can fit into its emergency response and disaster planning.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council to investigate emergency planning.
- c) To note verbal update on Modern.gov system.
It was **RESOLVED** to defer a larger system until the proper officer recommends this is required.
- d) To note press release sent to the Observer regarding electric vehicle charging points – noted.

00539. 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. (Cllr Plim and Cllr Carroll).

- b) To note update on London Road consultation from East Sussex County Council – noted.

00540. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

00541. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Emails from residents in Old Town regarding graffiti
It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate the graffiti issues with the private land owners and seek removal by the owners to improve the appearance of the town.
- b) Bexhill Heritage – Tropical Hardwoods Policy – noted.
It was **RESOLVED** to fully support the efforts of Bexhill Heritage and commend them on the introduction of the policy.

00542. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Questions from the last meeting
There were none.
- b) To receive questions and future agenda items
Cllr Plim asked to find out if dog waste bins is a service that could be enhanced or taken over from Rother District Council, this includes the Dog Warden service.
Cllr Taylor-Gee asked if it would be considered to introduce a policy for allotment holders on the use of glyphosate.

00543. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE AGREED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting closed at 21:19pm

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