

CULTURE, HERITAGE, SPORT, TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ADDENDUM 2

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2023

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD,
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Brighton & Hove City Council

Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Economic Development Committee

Agenda Item 26 (B)

Subject: Public Questions

Date of meeting: 9 November 2023

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public:

(1) Catherine Lane – Pride Village Party

During the 'Pride Village Party' in 2023, tourists entering any guest accommodation business in a large area of Kemptown where the event took place were forced to pay for a ticket to allow them to enter the properties where they were staying.

Residents were also forced to pay for a ticket if they wanted to have more than 4 adults enter their properties during this event.

If this event is reoccurring in 2024 could the committee confirm if they expect this ticket/toll charge to be allowed and if so by what legal authority Brighton Council would be allowing this charge?

(2) Tracey Tarrant – Beach Huts

The Council's stated aim is to receive a share of profit on sale of beach huts so why are they proposing to apply a transfer fee to sales price (which takes no account of ownership costs, vandalism, maintenance and rebuild costs) and not actual profit? If I sell at £30,000 (mid-range according to Council figures), I will make a LOSS of £5950 rising to £8950 after transfer fee, there is no profit. The fee will apply to pretty much everybody (unless to B&H resident family on death) as at some point everyone will sell.

(3) Laurence Barrett – Noise Control at Outdoor Events

Why have the council not required event organisers to follow the professional guidelines set out in the national Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts 1995 (Pop Code) for recent outdoor events, and, given the potential negative impact on resident health and safety, what would persuade the council to mandate these guidelines for the 2024 programme of events?

Brighton & Hove City Council

Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Economic Development Committee

Agenda Item 26 (C)

Subject: Deputations

Date of meeting: 9 November 2023

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public.

The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

1) Beach Hut Licences

Supported by:

Catherine Biggs
Carol Senders
Ruszom Irawe
Susan Bazire
Peter Phillips

I am the Chair of the Hove Beach Hut Association (HBHA) and represent the majority of the beach hut owners. I am coming to this meeting to seek answers and clarify:

- (1) Why have the HBHA and owners not been consulted prior to the modernised licence being sent out especially after the meeting of the previous committee on 13 December 2018 where Councillor Robins stated that "I would be very happy to work with you in the future and meet with you"?
- (2) Why has there not been a meaningful consultation prior to the Licence being sent out? Particularly the open ended licence fee and reasons for termination.
- (3) We understand the Council has legal opinion on this. Are you able to confirm that you can legally defend yourself in all areas of law including licence versus lease, taxation, and unjust enrichment?
- (4) Are you able to explain how the views of the HBHA members in the written consultation will be taken into consideration?
- (5) Are the Council and Committee open to discussion following the positive suggestions that have come forward for a truly modernised licence that would be beneficial to all parties?

2) Inadequate Expenses for B&H Remembrance Ceremonies

Supported by:

Martin Lloyd Williams
Ian Smith
Norman Grant
Peter Millar
Angela Reeves

1. Current Costs Allowance: Currently the B&H Remembrance Planning Committee has an allowance of £400/annum for all the activities associated with this important annual Civic Celebration. This is proving inadequate.

2. Management of Hove Remembrance Ceremony: Three years ago the B&H Council decided that it would no longer manage Remembrance Ceremonies for Hove & Portslade, so the Vicars of All Saints Hove and St Nicholas Portslade took the task on. This has continued to be over-seen by the B&H Remembrance Planning Committee run by the Mayor's Office, which has enabled Council support, such as Risk Assessment, Road Closures, Parking Reservations, PA Systems, Police & Security Support etc to be provided by Council and other Departments. The Ceremony includes – and has always included - the Parade and Wreath Laying at the Hove War Memorial and the Civic Service at All Saints Church afterwards. Both are attended by a Lord Lieutenant or Deputy, the Mayor of B&H and the Hove MP with approaching 200 other participants and members of the public. However, costs incurred by all Saints Hove have not been taken into account to date.

3. All Saints Hove Remembrance Ceremony Costs: These are not re-imbursed by the Council, which is wrong, as the Church should not bear them, and the Trustees cannot permit it to bear these costs, which come to around £210 per annum.

Parking Bay Suspension: In addition this year we have been asked to pay for parking spaces to provide the space for the Remembrance Ceremony at the Hove War Memorial as it is necessary to suspend parking for the day at 10 adjacent parking bays. The B&H Parking Operator wished to charge £18/bay to reimburse them for loss of parking revenue for the 3 hours of suspension, a total of £180. The All Saints organiser managed to persuade them to forgo the charge this year but was told it must be paid in future years.

4. Brighton Remembrance Ceremony Costs: To date these have used up all the financial allowance.

5. We contend that full direct costs incurred over and above Council and Police Services for the B&H Remembrance Ceremonies should be covered by B&H Council, so suggest that the B&H Culture Committee increase the allowance to the Mayor's Office for the Ceremonies be increased to £1,500.