

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the  
**BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL** held in  
**THE BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**  
**BEXHILL-ON-SEA**  
On **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024** at **6:00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Goss; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Wilson; Cllr Winter.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J Miller, Clerk; One videographer; two representatives of the Town Board; two representative of 18 Hours; One representative of Bexhill Museum; Cllr Ian Hollidge (East Sussex County Council); two members of the public.

**00245 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised concerns about the amount of money being spent by the town council, and specifically raised concerns about funding the new toilets in Egerton Park. Objections to funding 18 hours were also stated, along with the negotiating of a lease with Rother District Council for Pebsham Accessible Playpark.

**00246 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Brailsford; Cllr El; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Hunt; Cllr Timpe.

**00247 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.  
Cllr Drayson declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.  
Cllr Wilson declared an interest as a member of the Town Board.  
Cllr Winter declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

**00248 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chair announced that the private function to raise funds for Sidley Cricket Club has been booked for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**00249 MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the following meetings of the full council:

a) Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

b) Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**00250 COMMITTEES**

- a) To note minutes from committee meetings held since the last meeting:
- i. Engagement and Communications Committee 31/07/24
  - ii. Planning and Development Committee 09/08/24
  - iii. Amenities Committee 04/09/24
- b) To note current vacancies on committees as per Terms of Reference and appoint members to the following vacancies:
- i. Planning and Development Committee x 3.  
It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Byrne to be appointed to the Planning and Development Committee.

**00251 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

- a) Amenities Committee:
- i. To appoint two members to the town accessibility working group.  
It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Winter and Crotty to be appointed to the working group.

**00252 TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOWN BOARD TO ADDRESS THE MEETING**

Representatives of the Town Board addressed the meeting and an update was received.

**00253 MAYOR'S OFFICE**

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor.  
An update was received.

**00254 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

External councillors may report for 3 minutes. Written reports must be received three days before the meeting.

- a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors.  
Cllr Ian Hollidge gave an update on the East Sussex County Council budget where he advised that large savings are required and a consultation will begin shortly. The parking issues in Bexhill-on-Sea were discussed and residents were encouraged to complete the online form to let East Sussex County Council know where future restrictions may be considered. Cllr Hollidge showed the council a map of the drainage pipes in Bexhill-on-Sea and spoke about the misinformation being reported that raw sewage has been going in the sea when it is mainly surface water. Cllr Hollidge confirmed that the drains are being cleaned out and that this is good news.
- b) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors – there were none.

- c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors –  
Cllr Crotty gave an update on matters in Central ward where he and Cllr Plim had resolved reports of urinating and drug use outside a resident's house. Cllr Crotty reported that the retail outlet "Peacocks" is not coming back to Bexhill-on-Sea. Cllr Crotty also reported that a resident had asked for a breakdown of the first year's expenditure, and they were directed to the website which holds this information. Shop owners concern about a decline in cash use due to banks closing was also discussed.  
Cllr Byrne reported that Grosvenor Park residents are being relocated but it is not clear what the site will be and he is speaking with the owners for updates.

**00255 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- a) To approve Dropbox Business Plus Subscription.  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve Dropbox Business Plus Subscription.  
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Dropbox Policy.
- b) To note MP Dr Kieran Mullan visit the Hub being rearranged. – it was noted that this will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 11am.

**00256 CHANNEL VIEW EAST PUBLIC CONVENIENCE LEASE**

- a) To note response from Rother District Council. – it was noted that the response is still outstanding and this is being followed up.

**00257 BEXHILL MUSEUM**

- a) To consider funding the Egerton Park public convenience.  
*Cllr Carroll entered the meeting at 18:58pm*

It was **RESOLVED** not to provide a grant to Bexhill Museum for the standalone toilet Egerton Park public convenience.

A recorded vote was called for.

FOR: Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Wilson; Cllr Byrne  
AGAINST: Cllr Crotty; Cllr Plim Cllr Drayson, Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Winter; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Goss; Cllr Rustem  
ABSTAIN: Cllr Carroll

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Rother District Council to seek permission for ownership of the proposed new toilet and the land that it sits on in Egerton Park.

*Cllr Winter and Cllr Plim declared an interest in the following item*

- 00258 TO RECEIVE FUNDING REQUEST FROM 18 HOURS**  
It was **RESOLVED** to fund 18 Hours After Dark for the cost of £3000 per year for three years.
- 00259 ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION**  
a) To note leaders meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.  
An update was circulated prior to the meeting.  
b) To consider feedback for Rother District Council's draft Council Plan 2024-2028.  
It was noted that councillors could respond as individuals.
- 00260 NORTHEYE ASYLUM PROPOSAL**  
a) To note response from Home Office, and no further updates. – noted.  
It was **RESOLVED** to remove this item from the agenda.
- 00261 VISIONING EXERCISE**  
a) To note visioning exercise planning underway. – noted.
- 00262 TOWN RANGERS**  
a) To note contractor unable to undertake project currently and other options being explored. – noted.
- 00263 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES**  
To receive reports from external representatives (circulated prior to the meeting)  
a) RALC – Cllr Jacklin and Cllr Thomas – next meeting 09/10/2024.  
b) Citizen's Advice – Cllr Byrne – there was no update.  
c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron – Mayor – there was no update.  
d) Bexhill Maritime – Cllr Timpe – there was no update.  
e) Little Gate Farm – Cllr Jacklin – there was no update.  
f) Town Board – Cllr Wilson – this was covered earlier in the meeting.
- 00264 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**  
a) Cllr Crotty.  
I am asking for training session with understanding Autism in the workplace in a face-to-face environment.  
A recorded vote was called for.  
FOR: Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson  
AGAINST: Cllr Plim; Cllr Winter; Cllr Jaklin; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Rustem.  
ABSTAIN: Cllr Wilson; Cllr Goss; Cllr Blagrove.  
  
The motion fell.

The clerk shall recirculate the Autism Awareness training for councillors to complete.

b) Cllr Plim.

- i. That this council is extremely alarmed as to the condition of our local waterways and coastal waters. We therefore openly support the March for Clean Water event on the 26<sup>th</sup> October in London. Furthermore, we endorse any Councillor wishing to attend this event on the Council's behalf.

It was **RESOLVED** to openly support the March for Clean Water event. Furthermore, we endorse any Councillor wishing to attend this event on the Council's behalf.

- ii. That this Council instructs the clerk to publicise as widely as possible within Bexhill the March for Clean Water on the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct alongside Bexhill Town Councils open support and attendance at the event.

It was **RESOLVED** to publicise as widely as possible within Bexhill the March for Clean Water on the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct alongside Bexhill Town Councils open support.

**00265 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

All information circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- a) Email from Dr Kieran Mullen MP – Fortnightly newsletter. – noted.  
b) PCC Survey. – noted.

**00266 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) To receive answers to questions raised at the last meeting.

Cllr Rustem asked How the museum toilets item will be taken forward.	This item is on the agenda.
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- b) To receive questions from councillors at the meeting.

Cllr Crotty asked for Town Council noticeboards to display councillor email addresses.

Cllr Crotty asked if there is policies for pets and children in the Hub.

Cllr Drayson asked how the Town Council should follow up not purchasing the HSBC building.

Cllr Crotty asked if the building that the RVA are taking over can be shared with the Town Council

- c) To note any future agenda items – there were none.  
d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register – there were none.

**00267 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

*Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press will not be permitted to attend during the following items:*

**00268      PEBSHAM ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK**

a) To consider leasing options.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the lease negotiations on the Pebsham open space.

**00269      PREMISES UPDATE**

It was noted that this will now form part of the visioning exercise.

*Cllr Crotty left the meeting at 20:22pm*

**00270      TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM – there was none.**

*Meeting closed at 20:25pm*

Signed.....

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