

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL Community Committee** held at the **Committee Room, Rother District Town Hall** on **Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Baldry; Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Plim; Cllr V Taylor-Gee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk, two members of the public.

00622. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00623. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies with reasons from Cllr Gibson; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Barfoot and Cllr Rustem.

00624. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

00625. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00626. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of 14th December 2022 with a minor amendment.

00627. FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

- a) To note Full Council adopted Five-Year Strategy and page to be set up on website – noted.

00628. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

- a) To note update on Annual Town Meeting arrangements for 18th March 2023 – noted.

00629. REGALIA

- a) To note Coat of Arms update – noted.
- b) To note update on past mayors badges and consider the use of other regalia.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the mayor's badge in each municipal year.

Awarding regalia for town awards was considered, a garden award and the use of other regalia will be considered after May.

- c) To note update on Civic Reception for 100-year anniversary of Rotary Club 21st July 2023.

It was noted that the Town Hall staff have advised that they cannot take bookings on a Friday.

It was **RESOLVED** that councillors will lobby district councillors to use the Town Hall.

00630. NOTICEBOARDS

- a) To note ward members response to noticeboards and consider next steps (Ravenside Retail Park, Barack Hall Park, Down Road and Collington Wood).
Ward members' comments were considered. It was agreed to request further information on the Pebsham/ Glyne Gap board.
- b) To review Noticeboard Policy.
After some minor amendments, it was **RESOLVED** that the Noticeboard policy was updated and will be recommended to Full Council.

00631. CHARTER TRUSTEES BOOKLET

- a) To receive update on production of new "Charter Trustee" booklet.
An yearly insert for the booklet with date critical information for visitors will be investigated.
- b) To note archivist role approved by full council and advertising to commence.
It was noted that the role will be advertised this week.

00632. AUDIO STREAMING

- a) To note testing complete and live streaming has commenced.
It was noted that there had been some issues with wi-fi connection, and this is being investigated.

00633. PRESS AND MEDIA

- a) To note Bexhill News providing rack – noted.
- b) To consider continuing with advertorial in Bexhill News.
The Town Clerk will remind councillors to send press release information at any time.
The Bexhill News will be reminded to add in that this is an advertorial.
It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the Bexhill News advertorial.

00634. GAZEBO

- a) To note that the gazebo has been delivered – noted.

00635. BEXHILL CARNIVAL

- a) To consider plan for a stall – this will be considered at the next meeting.

00636. BEXHILL MASCOT

- a) To note investigations are underway – noted.

00637. BEXHILL DAY

- a) To receive an update on Bexhill day – noted.
It was asked for businesses to be advised earlier so that they can order bunting ahead of the day.

00638. 35 WESTERN ROAD

- a) To note update on official opening event – noted.
- b) To note update on incorporating the new premises in the independent shop map – noted.
- c) To consider recommending to full council an official title for the premises.
It was **RESOLVED** to refer this item to Full Council for consideration.

00639. THE KING'S CORONATION

- a) To receive update on event guidance and consider next steps.
It was **RESOLVED** to promote the grants policy to enhance Coronation activities and recommend that the Finance Committee bring forward the deadline for grant applications to the end of March to allow grants to be approved in April.
It was **RESOLVED** to offer bunting, and guidance and support to event organisers.
It was **RESOLVED** for the chair of the council to visit street parties on the day of the Coronation after the election.

00640. COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS

- a) To note HR Training and Dementia Training to be organised – noted.
- b) To note internal training/procedural event to be arranged – noted.
- c) To note welcome pack and induction training for May 2023 being arranged – noted.
- d) To receive training matrix to be published on website – noted.

00641. EXTERNAL EVENT COORDINATION WEBSITE

- a) To note event website being investigated – noted.

00642. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COFFEE MORNING

- a) To note update on event.
It was noted that this had taken place. It was agreed to research another similar event for a different care home in the community.

00643. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS

- a) To note update on Armed Forces Day event for 2023.
It was **RESOLVED** to combine the event with the Bandstand celebrations on May 20th, subject to the agreement of Bexhill Heritage.
- b) To note updates on Remembrance Parades for 2023 – noted.
It was **RESOLVED** to make enquiries about the Poppy Car.
- c) To note update on flagpole being investigated for Little Common Roundabout.

00644. COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a) To note update on Bexhill 100 world record attempt at teddy bears picnic 2023.

Cllr Brailsford declared an interest as a member of Bexhill 100 and left the meeting at 20:42pm.

It was **RESOLVED** to fund the Guinness World Record fee along with Bexhill 100.

Cllr Brailsford re-entered the meeting at 20:46pm.

- b) To receive update on Glyne Gap roundabout development.

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Plim and Cllr Baldry to lobby for the Town Council to be involved in this project.

00645. COVID RECOVERY EVENT

- a) Happy to Chat' initiative – to note in place at Corner Café – noted.
b) To receive update on Health and Wellbeing Market - 8th July 2023 – noted.

The COVID Remembrance event was discussed, and it was agreed to make enquiries as to future involvement.

00646. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Baldry

That the Community Committee considers options for supporting Christmas Lights in Bexhill for 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to prepare an options paper on installing Christmas Lights for the town centre.

- b) Cllr Baldry

That the Community Committee agrees on a training session for councillors to learn more about the regulations for The Pre-election period.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to investigate training for the pre-election period.

- c) Cllr Baldry

That a series of 'drop-ins' be organised at the Town Council premises for residents to find out more about becoming a Bexhill Town Councillor.

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange several 'drop ins' at the new premises, and to include a Saturday.

00647. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

00648. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) To note answers to questions from the last meeting.

Cllr Plim asked if Norman’s Bay community board could be used.	The question has been asked.
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b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items.
Cllr Plim asked that the Committee support the use of the 1895 Bexhill Merryweather Fire Engine at the Carnival.

00649. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12TH APRIL 2023

The meeting closed at 21:08pm.

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