

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 10th April 2024** at **6:30pm**.

PRESENT: Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson; Cllr El; Cllr Goss; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Timpe; Cllr Wilson; Cllr Winter.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; One videographer; Cllr Ian Hollidge (East Sussex County Council); three members of the public.

00765 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00766 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

00767 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 Timpe declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.
Cllr Winter declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.
Cllr Hampton declared an interest as a member of the Bexhill Carnival Committee.

00768 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed new councillor Sharon Blagrove and updated the corporate body on the good news about the transfer of CCTV and bus shelter services without an increase in council tax. The Chair talked about the positive projects such as Accessible Play area and Crazy Golf.

00769 TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW BEXHILL FOODBANK TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

It was noted that representatives of the foodbank were able to attend.

00770 MINUTES

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

- a) Wednesday 7th February 2024
- b) Wednesday 6th March 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 7th February 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 6th March 2024.

00771 COMMITTEES

- a) To note minutes from committee meetings held since the last meeting:
 - i. Climate, Nature and Environment Committee 28/02/24
 - ii. Planning and Development Advisory Committee 06/03/2024
 - iii. Asset Transfer Committee 13/03/24
 - iv. Community Committee 13/03/24
 - v. Finance and General Purposes Committee 20/03/2024

- b) To note current vacancies on committees as per Terms of Reference and appoint members to the following vacancies:
 - i. Planning and Development Advisory Committee x 2
 - ii. Climate, Nature and Environment Committee x 2
 - iii. Finance and General Purposes Committee x 1
 - iv. Asset Transfer Committee x 1

It was **RESOLVED** that as the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and a restructuring of the committee is taking place these vacancies shall not be filled.

It was **RESOLVED** to bring forward the following item:

00772 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

To receive reports from external representatives (circulated prior to the meeting)

- a) RALC – Cllr Wilson and Cllr Jacklin
 - i. To review RALC subscription increase.
This will be considered at the next meeting.
- b) Citizen’s Advice – Cllr Byrne – noted.
- c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron – Mayor – noted.
- d) Bexhill Maritime – Cllr Timpe – noted.
- e) Little Gate Farm – Cllr Jacklin - noted.
- f) Devolved Services Meeting with Parishes and RDC Members 28/03/2024 – Cllr Plim and Cllr Brailsford – noted.
- g) Rother Voluntary Action – to receive update on request for representative. – there was no further update.
- h) Rural Parish Conference – to appoint two representatives to attend on 19/04/2024 at Great Dixter House and Gardens in Northiam.
It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Wilson and Cllr Jacklin to attend.
- i) To review invite for Cllr Wilson to become a member of the Town Board.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve that Cllr Wilson become a member of the Town Board.

00773 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Asset Transfer Committee:
- i. For the council to appoint a public toilet consultant Public Convenience Ltd to provide professional advice and guidance for Devonshire Square toilets at a cost of £1000.
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint a public toilet consultant Public Convenience Ltd to provide professional advice and guidance for Devonshire Square toilets at a cost of £1000.
 - ii. To appoint the toilet cleaning contractor.
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the toilet cleaning contractor PCS Professional Cleaning Solutions on a one-year contract which will be presented back to the council for signature.
- b) Climate, Nature and Environment Committee:
- i. To support David Dennis in writing to the Secretary of State to support an extension of the SSSI from Combe Valley over Galley Hill.
It was **RESOLVED** to support David Dennis in writing to the Secretary of State to support an extension of the SSSI from Combe Valley over Galley Hill.
- c) Finance and General and Purposes Committee:
- i. To approve the Health and Safety Handbook.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Health and Safety Handbook.
 - ii. To approve the Health and Safety Manual.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Health and Safety Manual.

00774 MAYOR'S OFFICE

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor – an update was circulated prior to the meeting.

00775 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 Hollidge gave a summary of the report that was circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors.
Cllr Timpe and Cllr Byrne gave a verbal update.
Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 19:34pm and re-entered at 19:35pm.
- c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.

Cllr Crotty gave a verbal update.

00776 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To review current project list.
It was **RESOLVED** to remove this item from the agenda.
- b) To receive NALC advice regarding delegated authority – the advice was noted.

00777 ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

- a) To note update on Town Centre Visioning Group – Cllr Brailsford shall report back after the next meeting on 18/04/2024.
- b) To note leaders meeting to be held on 12/04/2024 – Cllr Brailsford and Cllr Wilson will report back after the meeting.
Cllr Hampton left the meeting at 19:50pm
Cllr Hampton re-entered the meeting at 19:51pm

00778 SUSSEX POLICE LIAISON

- a) To note no further update – it was noted that PCSOs are listed on the Sussex Police website.

00779 NORTHEYE ASYLUM PROPOSAL

- a) To receive any updates – it was noted that there was no further update on the site.

00780 ST LEONARD'S ROAD GREENING PROJECT

- a) To receive any updates – it was noted that Community Supporters have been granted £40,000 towards the project.

00781 ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK FOR PEBSHAM

- a) To note design and build tender being added to the Contracts Finder website and grant funding being explored – noted.

00782 PUTTING GREEN/ CRAZY GOLF

- a) To note Rother District Council considering the Crazy Golf proposal. Lawns are priced at £426 per day, but a 50% discount could be negotiated depending on the number of days booked. Re-seeding and re-turfing will need to be negotiated depending on damage.
This item was deferred in Cllr Huseyin's absence.

Cllr Crotty left the meeting at 19:57pm

Cllr Crotty re-entered the meeting at 20:00pm

00783 KEANE

- a) To note no response from agent, continuing to chase. – noted.
It was **RESOLVED** to no longer pursue this item.

00784 VISIONING EXERCISE

- a) To note event being held on 1st May 2024.
Cllr Byrne declared a formal apology for absence for the visioning exercise.

00785 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Jacklin
Can the Town Council publish a monthly update on progress with the public conveniences stating which ones are open, when others are likely to be opened if this is known and other details as appropriate (e.g. negotiations with local group in progress).
This motion fell.

- b) Cllr Timpe
To consider the main sponsorship of the upcoming 70's Explosion Event on July 20th 2024 for £5000 and to also consider the continuing support of these annual major events for the next 3 years as we have done for the Carnival. A presentation by White Label CIC can be organised for the May meeting.
An amendment was made to invite White Label CIC to attend the May meeting.
The amendment fell. The motion was left.

- c) Cllr Rustem
That the council provides members with tablets for the purposes of council related activity.
It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the cost and security implications of tablets or laptops for councillors.

00786 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

All information circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
There is none.

00787 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Timpe asked that the council consider supporting the 70's experience event.	Any community group or organisation that is seeking support should put this in writing to the Town Clerk to be considered at a future meeting.
Cllr Carroll asked if the council could start documenting the history of the Mayor.	This is already underway in the Bexhill-on-Sea Civic History Booklet being prepared by the Community Committee.

- b) To receive questions from councillors at the meeting.

Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting or before.

Cllr Crotty asked can the Full Council agendas be placed on the noticeboards around the town.

Cllr Blagrove asked if the Hub has a landline.

- c) To note any future agenda items.

There were none.

- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

Cllr Plim asked that if a councillor's failure to complete a DBS check is considered a risk.

00788 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8TH MAY 2024 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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:

00789 TO CONSIDER MAYORAL CADET APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Mayoral Cadet for 2024-25.

00790 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SACKVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

It was **RESOLVED** to not move forward with the

00791 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM

An update was received.

The meeting closed at 20:49pm.