

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
held in **THE BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
On **Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 6:00pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr Byrne; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Wilson (ex-officio); J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; One videographer; 0 members of the public.

00126 TO ELECT CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Plim as chair.

00127 TO ELECT VICE-CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Huseyin as vice-chair.

00128 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were none.

00129 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllr Blagrove and Cllr Winter.

00130 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

00131 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00132 MINUTES

a) To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

00133 FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

a) To consider method of review for five-year strategy.

It was **RESOLVED** for the recent strategy review to be circulated to councillors before the next meeting.

Cllr Byrne entered the meeting at 18:18pm

00134 REGALIA

- a) To note Civic Ceremonial team of Mace Bearer, Town Crier and Mayoral Cadet formed and briefings planned. – noted.
- b) To note St Peters Church update on Mayoral cushions. – noted.
- c) To agree the use of a removal firm to move the remaining items of regalia from the Town Hall to the Hub.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to arrange the removal of the regalia.

00135 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) To consider request from Full Council public participation session “for the town council to carry out an audit of noticeboards in Bexhill.”
It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with this.
- b) To consider question from Full Council “if something can be put in place for statements be made to the public in situations such as when public toilets are closed.”

It was noted that this is already covered where possible.

- c) To consider question from Full Council “if council staff could make posters to advertise council meetings.”
It was **RESOLVED** to put a poster up with the yearly meeting dates on each noticeboard.
- d) To note councillor photos for press and media material outstanding for: Cllr Byrne; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Timpe; Cllr Thomas. – noted.

00136 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET

- a) To note writing of Bexhill-on-Sea Civic History booklet is continuing. – noted.

00137 D-DAY COMMEMORATION (6 JUNE 2024)

- a) To note commemoration successful and thank you from Mais House. – noted.

00138 BEXHILL CARNIVAL 2024 (21-27 JULY 2024)

- a) To note pitch cancellation due to unavailability of councillors. – noted.

00139 BEXHILL DAY (17 AUGUST 2024)

- a) To note health and well-being market stalls bookings underway; flypast allocated and Bexhill 100 included in display. – noted.

00140 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS

- a) To note autism training outstanding for: Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Goss; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Timpe. – noted.

00141 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (10 NOVEMBER 2024).

- a) To note planning for Remembrance parades to begin in July. – noted.

00142 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a) To receive specification for serpollet sculpture for Glyne Gap roundabout.
The item was deferred until the next meeting, where an update will be presented by Cllr Brailsford.
- b) To note Full Council agreement to fund road closures for September continental market. 2025 to be considered in October. – noted.

00143 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2024

- a) To note an extra meeting will be held to review Christmas Lights plans and agree actions. – noted.
It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to contact local event organisers to explore an external event for the Christmas light switch on.

00144 TO CONSIDER INVESTIGATING AN EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR ROLE

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting.

00145 YOUTH COUNCIL

- a) To receive final recommendation from working group (Cllr El, Cllr Hampton, Cllr Rustem and Cllr Winter).
It was noted that the group had not yet met.
It was **RESOLVED** to withdraw this matter from the agenda as councillors have not progressed this.

00146 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) From Cllr Plim:

- i. This Council instructs the Town Clerk to seek out costs for a ceremonial Bexhill Town Council Flag, i.e. Bexhill town flag with Gold Brading.
It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to seek out costs for a ceremonial Bexhill Town Council Flag, i.e. Bexhill town flag with Gold Brading.
- ii. This Council instructs the Town Clerk to create an honorary position of Standard bearer for the Town Council to carry the Bexhill Town Council flag at all official ceremonial functions.
It was **RESOLVED** the Town Clerk to create an honorary position of Standard bearer for the Town Council to carry the Bexhill Town Council flag at all official ceremonial functions.
- iii. This Council instructs the Town Clerk to seek out possible options for regalia for the Mayoral Cadet.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk to seek out possible options for regalia for the Mayoral Cadet similar to a band worn with the coat of arms.

- iv. This Council instructs the Town Clerk to purchase a Bicorn hat with Silver Brading and a Tricone hat with Gold Brading in order to future proof our mayoral regalia, Using the same supplier as our current Mayor and Deputy hats are from.
- v. It was **RESOLVED** the Town Clerk to purchase a Bicorn hat with Silver Brading and a Tricone hat with Gold Brading in order to future proof our mayoral regalia, Using the same supplier as our current Mayor and Deputy hats are from.
- vi. That the Town Clerk is provided with a budget to pay for the Town Hall wall plaque of Bexhill Mayors located within the Town Hall chamber be updated with the names of those that held the position in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24

It was **RESOLVED** the Town Clerk is authorised to pay for the Town Hall wall plaque of Bexhill Mayors located within the Town Hall chamber to be updated with the names of those that held the position in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 within the usual financial regulation limits.

b) From Cllr Timpe:

- i. Christmas Tree 2024
As Light up Bexhill CIC Director I used a local supplier in Westfield called Littledown Christmas Tree Farm. They supplied 30ft trees over the 4 years (2019-2022) and prior to that also. They understand the infrastructure and deliver the tree in plenty of time for it to settle before the lights are installed. The committee is asked to consider using this supplier.
It was **RESOLVED** that this supplier will be considered in the procurement process.

00147 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) To consider working with the Royal Air Force Association to organise a Community Wings Walk in May 2025.
Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a member of the Royal Air Force Association.
It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Clerk to explore this event further with the Royal Air Force Association.

00148 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

Cllr Plim asked that, given the number of events that the council is running: should the council	This item is on the agenda.
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investigate an events co-ordinator role.	<u>BoSTC/03.07.24-00036</u>
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- b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items. Cllr Wilson asked what else the Committee can do to engage with residents.

00149 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2ND OCTOBER 2024

The meeting closed at 19:36pm