

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL**
held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
On **Wednesday 23rd October 2024** at **6:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Goss; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Winter.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; One videographer; two members of the public.

00336 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

00337 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence from Cllr Crotty; Cllr Hunt; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Timpe and Cllr Wilson. Cllr Byrne was absent.

00338 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Drayson declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.
Cllr Winter declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

00339 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00340 MINUTES

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

a) Wednesday 18th September 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of Wednesday 18th September 2024.

b) Wednesday 25th September 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of Wednesday 25th September 2024.

00341 COMMITTEES

a) To note minutes from committee meetings held since the last meeting:

i. Engagement and Communications Committee 02/10/24

ii. Planning and Development Committee 09/10/24

iii. Finance and Audit Committee 09/10/24

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 2.

There were no volunteers.

00342 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There are none.

00343 MAYOR'S OFFICE

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor.
There were none.

00344 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.
b) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors.
c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.

00345 TOWN RANGERS

- a) To note The Pelham unable to provide rangers and to consider job specification for an in-house role and agree budget and recruitment plan as per July 2024 report.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve job specification.
It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the costs for three town rangers and associated equipment.

00346 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To review budget and precept proposals for 2025/26 for approval.
It was **RESOLVED** to defer the approval of the budget and precept proposals for 2025/26 to the next meeting, and for councillors to send questions in advance for answers to be prepared in advance.
b) To note Dr Kieran Mullan MP to visit the Hub on 6th December 2024. – noted.

00347 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

- a) Channel View East
i. To note response from Rother District Council and consider proceeding with lease referral to solicitor for completion.
It was **RESOLVED** to refer the lease to the solicitor along with further questions raised.

Cllr Hampton left the meeting at 19:35pm.

Cllr Hampton re-entered the meeting at 19:38pm.

- b) Egerton Park
i. To note response from Rother District Council regarding the ownership of the proposed new toilet and the land that it sits on. – noted.

00348 ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION

- a) To note next leaders meeting to be held on 15th November 2024 2pm.
It was **RESOLVED** to request ratification of the Rother District Council plans for Bexhill Museum.

00349 PEBSHAM ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK

- a) To note Rother District Council Estates department preparing draft lease. – noted.

00350 VISIONING EXERCISE

- a) To consider date of Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 6pm to hold next visioning exercise.
It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a date of Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 6pm to hold next visioning exercise.

00351 PREMISES OPTIONS

- a) To consider how the Town Council should follow up not purchasing the HSBC building. (Cllr Drayson)
It was noted that this will be discussed at the visioning exercise.
- b) To consider asking Rother Voluntary Action if they can share the new building (Cllr Crotty)
It was **RESOLVED** not to pursue this item.

00352 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

- a) RALC – Cllr Jacklin and Cllr Thomas.
b) Citizen's Advice – Cllr Byrne
c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron – Mayor
d) Bexhill Maritime – Cllr Timpe
e) Little Gate Farm – Cllr Jacklin
f) Town Board – Cllr Wilson

00353 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS – There are none.

00354 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

All information circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

- a) To consider supporting the fight against the closure of Pathways residential home.
It was **RESOLVED** to support the fight against the closure of Pathways residential home.

- b) Letter from Nick Bennett, Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change for East Sussex County Council. – noted.

00355 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Crotty asked for Town Council noticeboards to display councillor email addresses.	This is part of the Engagement and Communications Committee's functions.
Cllr Crotty asked if there is a policy for pets and children in the Hub.	Yes, pets and children are welcome in the Hub.
Cllr Drayson asked how the Town Council should follow up not purchasing the HSBC building.	This item is on the agenda.
Cllr Crotty asked if the building that the Rother Voluntary Action are taking over can be shared with the Town Council.	This item is on the agenda.

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

Cllr Blagrove asked if a policy is needed for pets and children in the Hub.

Cllr Blagrove asked for an update on the timings for Christmas Lights.

Cllr Blagrove asked if councillors could speak up at meetings for the audio recording.

Cllr Drayson asked if the Planning and Development Committee size should be reduced.

Cllr Plim asked if Councillors not on committees could be nominated onto the Planning and Development Committee.

Cllr Jacklin asked for a report on how many Councillors have asked for a device.

Cllr Jacklin asked about the PSPO Consultation and if this was for group feedback or for individual responses.

- c) To note any future agenda items.
 d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.
 Are pets and children on the risk register for the Hub?

00356 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 27TH NOVEMBER 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:

00357 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM

There was no further update.

Meeting Closed 20:11pm