

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**  
held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**  
**BEXHILL-ON-SEA**  
on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 6:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J Daeva; M Webber; Cllr Wilson (Ex-Officio); 0 members of the public.

**00036 TO ELECT CHAIR**

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

**00037 TO ELECT VICE-CHAIR**

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

**00038 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

There were none.

**00039 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Drayson and Cllr Winter. Apologies from Cllr Crotty were accepted, although no reason was provided.

It was noted that councillors will be reminded of the correct procedure for submitting apologies for absence.

**00040 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were none.

**00041 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to commercial sensitivity, Item **00048 g)** and Item **00049** will be discussed in closed session.

**00042 MINUTES**

- a) To sign and approve the minutes for the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.  
It was **RESOLVED** to sign and approve the minutes for the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

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**00043 REGALIA**

- a) To note no update on St Peter's Church Mayoral cushions. – noted.
- b) To note Mayoral Board has been delivered and awaiting installation. – noted.
- c) To receive report on Civic Regalia valuations. – noted.
- d) To receive quotes for larger past mayors' badge and to consider purchasing and which budget to allocate the costs to.  
The past mayors' badge designs were reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED** to request the medallion design shown in Option 4, with the text in red. The budget allocation for this will be reviewed upon receipt of the final quote.

**00044 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET**

- a) To note publication draft with printers, to be received at next meeting. – noted.

**00045 BEXHILL DAY (16 AUGUST 2025)**

- a) To note planning underway.  
It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate and approve the hire of a children's merry-go-round for Bexhill Day, with a budget of up to £500. If this is not available, an alternative of cupcakes will be arranged for distribution at the event.

**00046 TOWN MEETING (27 SEPTEMBER 2025)**

- a) To note September town meeting booked in for 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the De La Warr Pavilion and to agree event format.  
It was **RESOLVED** to invite representatives from Rother District Council and Bexhill-on-Sea's East Sussex County Councillors to speak at the meeting taking place from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the De La Warr Pavilion, to present updates on devolution and respond to questions.  
It was further **RESOLVED** to request that Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council consider contributing towards the cost of venue hire for the event.  
It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorised to advertise the event as soon as possible.

**00047 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS**

- a) To note autism awareness training outstanding for Cllr Byrne; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Timpe.

It was noted that the link to the autism awareness training will be resent to councillors.

- b) To consider investigating councillor training on how to communicate with members of the public. (Cllr Blagrove).

It was noted, under HR matters, that Cllr Huseyin is seeking advice regarding appropriate social media usage for councillors.

**00048 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LIAISON**

- a) To receive feedback from VE Day 80 events (8 May 2025 and 11 May 2025).

It was noted that positive feedback had been received from attendees of the events, and thanks were extended to staff for their organisational support.

- b) To note VJ Day 80 commemoration to be incorporated into Bexhill Day flypast. – noted.

- c) To note service to be held for D-Day on 6 June 2025 at war memorials. – noted.

- d) To note memorial to Lancaster Bomber Pilot to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at St Mark's Church. – noted.

- e) To note Battle of Britain Service be held at war memorials on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025. – noted.

- f) To note Falklands Flag on display in the RAFA Club, The Albatross. – noted.

**00049 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2024 (30 NOVEMBER 2024)**

- a) To note designs to follow after summer break. – noted.

**00050 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There are none.

**00051 CORRESPONDENCE**

There is none.

**00052 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

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

Cllr Blagrove asked if training could be organised for councillors on how to communicate with members of the public.	This item is on the agenda.
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- b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items.

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

There were none.

#### **00053 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

*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:*

#### **00054 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LIAISON**

- g) To consider request from Little Common for the town council to take ownership of war memorial and assist with installation of flagpole on roundabout. (Planning permission has been granted)

*The Responsible Financial Officer left the meeting at 19:43pm.*

*The responsible Financial Officer re-entered the meeting at 19:45pm.*

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the town council takes ownership of the Little Common war memorial and assist with installation of the flagpole on the roundabout.

#### **00055 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- a) To note no tenders received for serpollet sculpture for Glyne Gap roundabout. – noted.

- b) To receive quotation from resident for serpollet sculpture.

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the feasibility of installing a sculpture on the roundabout, including any requirements set by National Highways.

It was noted that the project will progress when workload permits.

*The meeting was closed at 20:00pm.*

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