

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
to be held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA

on **Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 6:00pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

20th February 2025

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with standing order 3(e) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. MINUTES

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

a) Wednesday 29th January 2025.

(Appendix A)

6. COMMITTEES

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

i. Engagement and Communications Committee 05/02/25

(Appendix B)

ii. Finance and Audit Committee 12/02/25

(Appendix C)

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

a) Engagement and Communications Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Council that financial regulations are suspended to permit the council to enter a three-year contract with the current Christmas Lights supplier.

8. MARINA GARDENS PLANTING

- a) To consider collaborating with Rother District Council on Marina Gardens planting for the cost of £9,000 from General Reserves.

9. MAYOR'S OFFICE

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor. *(Appendix D)*

10. 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.

11. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION

- a) To note leaders meeting taking place on 21st March 2025.
- b) To note awaiting update on the request for the acquisition of Rother District Council Town Hall, a list of discretionary services and an update on the devolution of parks and open spaces and the Museum.
- c) To note Channel View East Public Convenience lease with solicitors.
- d) To note no clarification on ownership of War Memorials received, this matter is being followed up regularly.
- e) To note heads of terms for Pebsham Play Park being progressed.
- f) To note visioning exercise arranged for 16th April 2025.

12. CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

- a) To note the completion of the external audit for the financial year 2024-25 and the publication of the Conclusion of Audit Notice in accordance with statutory requirements.

13. 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
- g) Chamber of Commerce Centenary Fund Assessment Panel – Cllr Wilson

14. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS – there are none.

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Pegasus Group – Installation of replacement apparatus at Cooden Beach Sports and Social Club for 5G Mobile Connectivity.
- b) Bexhill Heritage Consultation Proposed Eastern Conservation Area for Bexhill and Neighbourhood Plan involvement

16. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Jacklin asked if the Town Clerk can clarify the declaration of interests in regard to the Rother Forum.	Rother District Council Monitoring Officer has been asked for guidance.
Cllr Drayson asked if previous years minutes and agendas could be archived on the town council website.	Minutes and agendas are archived under the 'Minute Documents' and 'Meeting Agendas' sections on the Town Council website. Bexhill-on-Sea, Bexhill-On-Sea
Cllr Drayson asked if the council could consider the Bexhill Trust to make Bexhill Day a fundraising event for the Bexhill Trust.	The Engagement and Communications Committee discussed this on 5 th February 2025.
Cllr El asked how the work with Town Rangers is going.	The capital expenditure for the new team will be reviewed by the Amenities Committee on 5 th March 2025. Recruitment will commence shortly after the necessary purchases are approved to support the role.

- c) To note any future agenda items.
- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 26th MARCH 2025

All motions for the next meeting of full council on 26th March 2025 must be received by 17th March 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:

18. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM

19. CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

- a) To agree award winners for 2024-2025