

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the
BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROTHER DISTRICT**
COUNCIL TOWN HALL, BEXHILL-ON-SEA.
on **Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Plim (Mayor); Cllr Baldry (Deputy Mayor); Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Barfoot; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Clasby; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Fenner; Cllr Harding; Cllr Izzard; Cllr Stanger; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Taylor-Gee; Cllr Winter.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; ten members of the public.

00465. TO CO-OPT NEW COUNCILLOR

It was **RESOLVED** to ask each candidate to address the meeting for two minutes to explain their reason and a strike out vote be taken.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Jimmy Stanger to the town council.

00466. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public spoke about social media comments.

A member of the public spoke about the advertorial in the Bexhill News and asked if Light Up Bexhill had received the funding agreed at the November meeting.

Light Up Bexhill has received the funding.

A member of the public asked for a commitment on answering public questions before the next meeting.

The council answers all public questions raised at a meeting in the public participation session section of the minutes and these are published at least three clear days before the next meeting.

A member of the public made statements about the transfer of assets of the public toilets and the Climate Action Plan.

A member of the public asked why new staff members are being taken on and what roles they will carry out.

Full details of the staffing roles and job descriptions can be found in the minutes and meeting papers for the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Full Council on our website.

A member of the public asked if the town council can chase up the repairs to the sink holes on Ashdown Road, the top of Buckhurst Road and bottom of Sackville Road.

A message has been sent to the County Councillors.

A member of the public witnessed a pedestrian hit on the Zebra crossing in Sidley and asked for it to be changed to a Pelican Crossing.

This has been referred to the County Council.

00467. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies with reasons for absence from Cllr Norris; Cllr Gibson; Cllr Wray; Cllr Rustem.

00468. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Winter declared an interest in the Citizens Advice Bureau item as a company director and trustee.

Cllr Izzard declared an interest in the item concerning the NHS strikes due to the possibility of strike action in his employment as a paramedic and advised that he would not speak or vote on the matter.

Cllr Harding declared an interest in the item on the Ukraine item due to hosting - Ukrainians

Cllr Taylor-Gee declared an interest on the Ukraine item due to being a co-ordinator of Bexhill Hub for Ukraine.

00469. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 9th November 2022.

00470. COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and updates of committees held since the last Full Council meeting:

- a) Planning and Development Advisory Committee - 09/11/2022
- b) Asset Transfer Committee – 16/11/2022
- c) Climate, Nature, and Environment Committee – 16/11/2022
- d) Planning and Development Advisory Committee - 23/11/2022
- e) Finance and General Purposes Committee - 23/11/2022

00471. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee
 - i. To consider the budget scenarios taking into account toilet maintenance pending the final recommendation of the Asset Transfer Committee to be presented back to Full Council on 11th January 2023.
Both scenarios were noted and the Finance and General Purposes committee shall review the staff costs at its next meeting.
- b) Climate, Nature, and Environment Committee
 - i. To consider adopting Climate Action Plan
It was **RESOLVED** to the full council adopt the Climate Action Plan as it stands with a review in two months' time for the full council to make comment and review.

00472. MAYOR'S OFFICE

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor – an update was noted.

00473. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- b) To receive reports from Division County Councillors
A report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- c) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors

There were none.

- d) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors
A report for Sackville Ward was circulated.

00474. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

- a) To receive update on meeting of 23rd November 2022 – notes to follow.
b) To receive update from external representatives on Rother District Council High Street Task Force – Cllr Plim and Cllr Taylor-Gee – noted.

00475. SUSSEX POLICE LIAISON

- a) To note Clerk arranging quarterly liaison meeting for January 2023 – noted.
b) To note Clerk to investigate CCTV improvement opportunities – noted.

00476. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

- a) To receive update from Cllrs Brailsford; Taylor-Gee; Thomas on 'Bexhill Hub for Ukraine Support' – noted.

00477. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To adopt policies required for DBS checks
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following policies:
i. Recruitment of Ex-Offenders policy
ii. Storage of DBS Data policy

00478. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

To receive reports from external representatives (circulated prior to the meeting) – all noted:

- a) RALC - Cllr Winter and Cllr Taylor-Gee
b) Citizen's Advice Bureau – Cllr Gibson
c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron - Mayor
d) Fairtrade – Cllr Izzard
e) Old and Bold – Cllr Barfoot
f) Sea Angling Club Design Workshop – Cllr Gibson
g) ESALC AGM 30/11/2022 1pm – Cllr Drayson

00479. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Izzard
That this council discusses the allegations being made about the council on social media.
It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting.

- b) Cllr Thomas
Cllr Harding left the meeting at 21:04pm
Cllr Harding re-entered the meeting at 21:06pm

It was **RESOLVED** to refer the motion to the Climate, Nature, and Environment Committee to investigate a warm space in the new premises.

c) Cllr Plim

It was **RESOLVED** that Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council notes that it was barely two years ago that we along with most other residents of Bexhill stood on our doorsteps clapping in praise for our NHS work force. With that firmly in mind this council fully supports the Royal College of Nursing's historic call for strike action and is totally behind those of their members who reside in Bexhill.

A recorded vote was called

FOR: Cllr Plim, Cllr Baldry; Cllr Fenner; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Barfoot; Cllr Stanger; Cllr Taylor-Gee

AGAINST: Cllr Winter; Cllr Drayson

ABSTAIN: Cllr Carroll; Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Clasby; Cllr Harding

Cllr Izzard left the meeting at 21:24pm

00480. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

All information circulated to councillors prior to the meeting

a) Request for support from Wave Arts for London Road Underpass project.

It was **RESOLVED** to support Wave Arts project.

00481. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Izzard Can the council discuss the allegations being made about the council on social media.	This is on the agenda.
Cllr Thomas Can the new premises be used as a warm space and can this be considered at the next meeting.	This is on the agenda.

- b) To receive questions from councillors
Cllr Drayson asked for an update at the next meeting on streaming and recording meetings.
- c) To note any future agenda items – there were none.
- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register – there were none.

00482. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11th JANUARY 2023

Meeting closed at 21:25pm

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