

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 30th April 2025 at 6:00pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller
Proper Officer

24th April 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

I. 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) Extra-ordinary meeting of Wednesday 26th March 2025. (Appendix A)
- b) Wednesday 26th March 2025. (Appendix B)

6. COMMITTEES

- a) To note minutes from committee meetings held since the last meeting:
 - i. Engagement and Communications Committee 02/04/25 (Appendix C)
 - ii. Finance and Audit Committee 09/04/25 (Appendix D)

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES – there are none.

8. MAYOR'S OFFICE

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

9. 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.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To consider response to the following applications:
- i. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 - Firetank and Pumphouse with BNG Mitigation Areas. Pebsham Waste Transfer Station and Hastings Household Waste Recycling Site, Freshfields, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN38 8AY
 - ii. RR/2024/2052/P BEXHILL (Collington Ward) 81 Cooden Drive, Bexhill Demolition of existing bungalow and garage, replacement with five flats and a dwelling, parking for nine cars, stopping up of an existing driveway and construction of new access and highway crossover. (Alternative to planning permission RR/2021/1519/P (allowed on appeal))
- b) To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Plim and Cllr Winter)

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

- a) To review asset lists for devolution and agree Expression of Interest items to be submitted.

12. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

- a) To receive notes from leaders meeting held on 4th April 2025.
b) To note Rother District Council ownership of war memorial and this added to the devolution list. The Little Common war memorial ownership still under investigation.
c) To note heads of terms for Pebsham Play Park delayed due to requirement for Rother District Council officer to sign statutory declaration.
d) To note Cllr Hampton resignation. Deadline for request for election has passed without the requisite number of signatures, therefore the town council can co-opt the vacancy at a future meeting.

13. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To consider addition to Standing Orders formalising strike-out voting. *(Appendix F)*

14. 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) Combe Valley CIC – Cllr Jacklin.
- h) Chamber of Commerce Centenary Fund Assessment Panel – Cllr Wilson.

15. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Wilson

To consider the balance of the Mayor’s budget (£2,765) to be paid to the Mayor’s chosen charity i.e. Sidley Cricket Club.

16. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION – there are none.

17. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Peters asked if ID cards could be provided for councillors.	This suggestion will be added to the Engagement and Communications Committee Agenda
Cllr Peters asked can the town council do something for Armed Forces Day this year, as there is a grant available to Town Councils.	This suggestion will be added to the Engagement and Communications Committee Agenda
Cllr Hunt reported that there was a fire at Gullivers land and asked if the town council can do anything to ensure that the land is made safe.	This is privately owned land. The matter has been reported to Rother District Council.
Cllr Blagrove asked if one of the flyers for the Rother Forum could be included in the parish council noticeboards.	As the group description is that it has been set up for political discussion, this does not meet the criteria of the current Noticeboard Policy .
Cllr Plim asked if the Marketing and Communications officer would be able to reply to social media comments.	Replying to all comments could risk engaging in unproductive or negative discussions, which may not align with the council’s communication strategy.
Cllr Blagrove asked why the Facebook is not monitored and why were there links to a Facebook group on posts for three days.	Council officers can’t monitor social media 24/7 because staffing and resources are limited, and officers work standard office hours.

- b) To receive questions from councillors.
Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting or before.
- c) Any future agenda items.
- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st MAY 2025 ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING

All motions for the next meeting of full council on 21st May 2025 must be received by 12th May 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:

19. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM

20. MAYORAL CADET

- a) To receive update and approve Mayoral Cadet selection for 2025/2026.