

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 23rd October 2024 at 6:00pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

17th October 2024

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 18th September 2024. (Appendix A)
- b) Wednesday 25th September 2024. (Appendix B)

6. COMMITTEES

- a) To note minutes from committee meetings held since the last meeting:
 - i. Engagement and Communications Committee 02/10/24 (Appendix C)
 - ii. Planning and Development Committee 09/10/24 (Appendix D)
 - iii. Finance and Audit Committee 09/10/24 (Appendix E)
- 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.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There are none.

8. MAYOR'S OFFICE

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

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. 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 *(Appendix G)*

11. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To review budget and precept proposals for 2025/26 for approval. *(Appendix H)*
- b) To note Dr Kieran Mullan MP to visit the Hub on 6th December 2024.

12. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

- a) Channel View East
 - i. To note response from Rother District Council and consider proceeding with lease referral to solicitor for completion.
- 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.

13. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION

- a) To note next leaders meeting to be held on 15th November 2024 2pm.

14. PEBSHAM ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK

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

15. VISIONING EXERCISE

- a) To consider date of Wednesday 20th November 2024 6pm to hold next visioning exercise.

16. PREMISES OPTIONS

- a) To consider how the Town Council should follow up not purchasing the HSBC building. (Cllr Drayson)

- b) To consider asking Rother Voluntary Action if they can share the new building (Cllr Crotty)

17. 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

18. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS – There are none.

19. 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.
- b) Letter from Nick Bennett, Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change for East Sussex County Council.

20. 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.
Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting or before.
- c) To note any future agenda items.
- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 27TH NOVEMBER 2024

All motions for the next meeting of full council on 27th November 2024 must be received by 18th 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:

22. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM