

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 27th November 2024 at 6:00pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

21st November 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 23rd October 2024.

(Appendix A)

6. COMMITTEES

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

i. Amenities Committee 06/11/24

(Appendix B)

ii. Finance and Audit Committee 13/11/24

(Appendix C)

- 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.

ii. Finance and Audit Committee x 1.

- iii. Amenities Committee x I.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were none.

8. MAYOR'S OFFICE

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

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. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To review budget and precept proposals for 2025/26 for approval and to note questions received from councillors. *(Appendix E)*

11. CHANNEL VIEW EAST PUBLIC CONVENIENCE LEASE

- a) To note lease on hold until repairs completed.

12. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION

- a) To note update on leaders meeting held on 15/11/24. *(Appendix F)*

13. PEBSHAM ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK

- a) To note draft lease being prepared and grants being sought.

14. VISIONING EXERCISE

- a) To note preparation of visioning report underway.

15. 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

16. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Jacklin.
In light of calls on East Sussex County Council to commit to applying to become a member of the City of Sanctuary Local Authority Network, with the aim of becoming a recognized Council of Sanctuary, can the Town Council discuss

whether we should have a view on East Sussex becoming a recognised Council of Sanctuary.

b) Cllr Jacklin.

In the light of the National Audit Office's Investigation into the acquisition of the Northeys site for asylum accommodation and the resultant announcement of a Public Inquiry can the Clerk be asked to submit the publicly available information from the Town Council's April 2023 meeting to the Inquiry.

c) Cllr El.

To contact rother and express an interest in the future of the town hall building as an asset and possibilities of acquirement.

d) Cllr Plim.

That should this council at any time in the future instruct the Town Clerk to seek usage from RDC of the Town Hall for Town Council Meetings. Then that the Clerk be open to adjust the meeting day from a Wednesday to any other alternative day that is deemed to be more operationally suitable to facilitate usage of the Town Hall.

e) Cllr Wilson.

That full council request that the Clerk investigates the implications of the devolution of parks and gardens with a view to a phased approach to transfer responsibilities to the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council and to contact Battle Town Clerk to understand how their Parks and gardens operate.

17. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a) Email from Bexhill Museum regarding leasing information.

18. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Blagrove asked if a policy is needed for pets and children in the Hub.	The presence of pets and children in the Hub is guided by the council's risk assessment, which provides clear guidelines to ensure everyone's comfort and safety.
Cllr Blagrove asked for an update on the timings for Christmas Lights.	The event starts at 2:45pm and the Christmas tree lights switch-on is planned for 5:00pm.
Cllr Blagrove asked if councillors could speak up at meetings for the audio recording.	It is for individual councillors to consider their conduct at meetings.
Cllr Drayson asked if the Planning and Development Committee size should be reduced.	The size of the committee was increased to address issues with member attendance. If needed, it can be reduced again by submitting a motion for the council's consideration.

Cllr Plim asked if Councillors not on committees could be nominated onto the Planning and Development Committee.	Councillors who are not currently on any committees can be nominated to join the Planning and Development Committee, subject to the usual nomination and approval process.
Cllr Jacklin asked for a report on how many Councillors have asked for a device.	Four councillors have asked for devices. Three councillors have asked for laptops, and one has received a tablet.
Cllr Jacklin asked about the PSPO Consultation and if this was for group feedback or for individual responses.	When the corporate body receives consultations, they should be reviewed by the committee to agree on a majority-supported response.

- b) To receive questions from councillors at the meeting.
- c) To note any future agenda items.
- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18TH DECEMBER 2024

All motions for the next meeting of full council on 18th December 2024 must be received by 9th December 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:

20. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM