

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 18th December 2024** at **6:00pm**
when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Julie Miller
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

12th December 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

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 NONPECUNIARY INTERESTS

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. MINUTES

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

a) Wednesday 27th November 2024.

(Appendix A)

6. COMMITTEES

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

i. Planning and Development Committee 27/11/24

(Appendix B)

ii. Engagement and Communications Committee 04/12/24

(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 x1.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Engagement and Communications Committee.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend Marketing and Communications Officer (to include events co-ordinator role) job specification to Full Council. *(Appendix D)*

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. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To note no update on the request for Rother District Council Town Hall being used as an asset in the future.
- b) To note no update from Rother District Council on the devolution of parks and open spaces.
- c) To note final tax base figure from Rother District Council and Band D equivalent. *(Appendix F)*

11. CHANNEL VIEW EAST PUBLIC CONVENIENCE LEASE

- a) To note repairs underway.

12. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION

- a) To note no clarification on ownership of War Memorials received.
- b) To consider next steps following Rother District Council's devolution policy (Cllr Plim).
- c) To note next leaders meeting on 17/01/25 and to consider any questions.

13. PEBSHAM ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK

- a) To note draft lease being prepared by Rother District Council.

14. VISIONING EXERCISE

- a) To receive Visioning Exercise report and consider next steps. *(Appendix G)*

15. POST OFFICE

- a) To discuss repercussions of the possible closure of the Post Office (Cllr Plim).

16. SIDLEY LEAKY DAMS PROJECT

- a) To consider ways to support the continuation of the Sidley Leaky Dams Project (Cllr Jacklin).

17. NORTHEYE ASYLUM PROPOSAL

- a) To note Town Council information sent to National Audit Office Inquiry.
- b) To note Home Office decision not to use the Northeye site.

18. 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) To approve request from Bexhill Chamber of Commerce for Cllr Wilson to join the Centenary Fund Assessment Panel.

19. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Wilson.
To ask that The Town Clerk prepares a document for full council to consider implementing a call in process relating to planning applications as opposed for a review of all planning applications. This will enable ward councillors to take responsibility for planning applications within their own ward and permit all councillors to debate call ins at full council.
- b) Cllr Wilson.
To consider contacting RDC with regard to devolving the car parks in Bexhill that are currently free of charge for its users

20. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) Rother District Council Budget Consultation – Deadline for response: 10/01/25.
- b) Statutory Consultation on proposed parking restrictions and shared footpaths for Bexhill cycle route between Worsham and Collington.

21. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Drayson asked how the council can ensure that important planning applications are not missed.	Planning lists relevant to Bexhill-on-Sea are included on each Planning and Development Committee Agenda. Committee members attending meetings ensures these applications are discussed and commented on. All councillors can sign up to the weekly planning list at www.rother.gov.uk
Cllr Timpe asked what the Town Council would do about the unauthorised lighting of the beacon.	Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council has no decision-making powers regarding the beacon. This power falls to Rother District Council.
Cllr Plim asked if the Clerk could investigate Rother District Council's devolution policy and how the town council could work with it.	This item is on the agenda.
Cllr Plim asked who owns the two war memorials in the town and how we can work with the owners on any improvements.	Clarification on the ownership of the two war memorials has been sought.
Cllr Plim asked if there could be a discussion about repercussions of the possible closure of the Post Office.	This item is on the agenda.
Cllr Jacklin asked what mechanism the Town Council has to help keep the Sidley Woods Leaky Dams project going in the short term?	This item is on the agenda.

- 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.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 29TH JANUARY 2025

All motions for the next meeting of full council on 29th January 2025 must be received by 20th January 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:

23. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM