

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE held in the
BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
On **Wednesday 2nd October 2024** at **6:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Winter.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; Cllr Brailsford; Howard Martin
(Bexhill Chamber of Commerce).

00287 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Howard Martin addressed the meeting and spoke about events coordination and Business Improvement Districts.

Cllr Brailsford gave an update on the Glyne Gap roundabout project.

00288 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

00289 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

Cllr Winter declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

00290 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00291 MINUTES

To sign and approve the minutes for the meeting of 3rd July 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** to sign and approve the minutes for the meeting of 3rd July 2024.

00292 FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

a) To note visioning exercise being organised by Full Council – noted.

b) To note potential role for Events Coordinator to be considered in visioning exercise.

It was **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to draw up a draft job specification for an events co-ordinator to be considered at the next meeting.

00293 REGALIA

a) To note no further update on St Peter's Church Mayoral cushions. – noted.

b) To note update on Bexhill Town Standard. – noted.

- c) To note Air Cadet carrying Standard on behalf of Bexhill Town. – noted.
- d) To note Mayoral Cadet arm band and can presented to Mayoral cadet. – noted.
- e) To receive update on Mayoral board lettering at Town Hall.
It was noted that this is not possible as the board displays the Charter Trustees Mayor names in the Town Hall.
It was **RESOLVED** to investigate a roll of honour board for Town Council mayors and request that Rother District Council allow this board to be displayed in the Town Hall.

00294 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) To note councillor photos for press and media material outstanding for: Cllr Byrne; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Thomas. – noted.
- b) To consider other ways to engage with residents.
The item was deferred.

00295 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET

- a) To receive draft civic history booklet – noted and work continues to finalise the booklet.

00296 BEXHILL DAY (16 AUGUST 2025)

- a) To note Bexhill Day 2025 date and event to be organised as per 2024. – noted.

00297 CIVIC AWARDS AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (22 MARCH 2025)

- a) To note planning underway.
It was **AGREED** to change the date to accommodate the Mayor's holiday, an alternative venue will be sought if necessary to facilitate this.

00298 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS

- a) To note autism awareness training outstanding for Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Goss; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Timpe. – noted.

00299 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS

- a) To note update on Remembrance parades (10 NOVEMBER 2024).
An update was noted.

00300 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a) To receive specification for serpollet sculpture for Glyne Gap roundabout.

An update on the project was received and it was **RESOLVED** to tender for quotations on the original design.

00301 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2024 (30 NOVEMBER 2024)

a) To note planning underway. – noted.

00302 BUDGET PREDICTIONS 2025/26

	Annual Budget 2425	YTD Actual Aug 2024	Predicted year end	Predicted Year End 24/25	25-26
Newsletters	£ 5,000.00	£ -		£ -	
Printing, Publications and advertising	£ 5,000.00	£ 57.00	£ 7,500.00	£ 4,500.00	£ 8,000.00
Events	£ 10,000.00	£ 7,283.00	£ 8,131.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Noticeboards	£ 8,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 8,000.00	£ -
Central - Christmas lights	£ 30,000.00	£ 5,700.00	£ 55,000	£ 5,700.00	£ 55,000.00
Little Common - Christmas lights	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Sidley - Christmas lights	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00

It was **AGREED** to investigate reducing the Bexhill News contract to half a page.

00303 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

00304 CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

00305 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) To note answers to questions from the last meeting

Cllr Wilson asked what else the Committee can do to engage with residents.	This is on the agenda.
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b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items.

Cllr Blagrove inquired why the town council had chosen to endorse the request from the Victim Support charity, directed at Sussex parishes, to promote World Romance Scam Prevention Day,

00306 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4TH DECEMBER 2024

The meeting closed at 19:26pm.