

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 7th January 2026** at **6:30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Blagrove, Cllr Drayson, Cllr Plim, Cllr Thomas.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: M Webber; L Muhilathithan; One Videographer; Cllr Wilson (ex officio); 0 members of public.

00371 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

00372 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Crotty and Cllr Winter.

00373 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUINARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Plim declared an interest in item 16 as Past Mayor.

00374 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

00375 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 5th November 2025.

a) Wednesday 5th November 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 5th November 2025 with the correct amendments made. – Cllr Drayson to be removed from the list of those present, as he was not in attendance; previously asked questions to be answered.

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00376 REGALIA

- a) To consider taking ownership of Alderman Gray's badge.

It was noted that the Council had received an email on behalf of Alderman Gray's granddaughter to inform the Council of her wishes to pass the badge onto the Town Council or Bexhill Museum.

Cllr Huseyin proposed a motion to take ownership of Alderman Gray's badge.

It was **RESOLVED** to seek ownership of Alderman Gray's badge.

00377 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET

- a) To receive an update on the booklet. – verbal update received.

00378 COUNCILLOR ID TAGS

- a) To receive update. – update received.

It was noted that there are five remaining Councillors who need to have their photo taken for their Councillor ID tag.

00379 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a) Serpollet sculpture. – To receive update.

It was noted that the Officers are in the process of contacting local metal workers who could build the sculpture following the agreed design and specifications required to be able to install the sculpture on Ravenside Roundabout.

00380 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS

- a) To receive feedback on Remembrance Day 2025.

It was noted that positive feedback was given from both Central and Little Common.

00381 FEEDBACK ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

- a) To receive feedback on the 2025 Christmas Lights Switch-on.

It was noted that feedback from the public has been positive.

00382 BEXHILL DAY 2026 – SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026.

- a) To note planning is underway. – noted.

00383 CIVIC AWARDS AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

- a) To note planning is underway. – noted.

00384 MAYORAL AFTERNOON-TEA

- a) To receive update. – update received.

It was noted that the Mayoral Afternoon-Tea will no longer be taking place.

00385 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS

- a) To note autism awareness training is outstanding for Cllr Byrne; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Timpe. – noted.

Cllr Drayson put forward a motion to remove the noting of outstanding autism awareness training from all upcoming agendas.

It was **RESOLVED** to remove the noting of outstanding autism awareness training.

00386 PAST MAYOR BADGES

- a) To agree the final quote for the Past Mayor badges by selecting option A or option B.

Cllr Plim proposed the amendment of ordering three Past Mayor badges instead of the originally proposed number of five.

This was **RESOLVED** to only order three badges instead of five.

It was **RESOLVED** to select option A for the design on the Past Mayor badges.

- b) To propose to order 5 Past Mayor badges based on option A or option B as previously agreed above.

It was **RESOLVED** to not purchase three Past Mayor badges, as previously amended above.

Cllr Huseyin left the meeting at 7:46pm.

00387 PAST DEPUTY MAYOR BADGES (CLLR WINTER)

- a) To consider and agree the design for the Past Deputy Mayor Badges and request quotation.

Cllr Plim proposed that Past Deputy Mayor badges is withdrawn from the agenda following the fallen motion of ordering Past Mayor badges.

It was **RESOLVED** to withdraw Past Deputy Mayor badges from the agenda and all future agendas.

00388 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Drayson

This Committee explores the viability of the Council publishing a one-off Newspaper along the lines of Bexhill News to communicate the reasons for this year's increase in the precept, the services we are providing and future plans. The newspaper should be ready for distribution in late March or early April.

Cllr Plim proposed an amendment of this motion to delegate authority to the Officers to investigate the motion to get the best value.

It was **RESOLVED** to except this amendment of delegating authority to the Officers.

Cllr Plim declared an interest as a postal worker for Royal Mail.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended motion for the Officers to explore the viability of publishing a one-off Newspaper which communicates the reasons for this year's precept, the services the Council are providing and future plans.

00389 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

00390 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) To note questions from the previous meeting.

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| Cllr Crotty asked if there could be space on the noticeboards for Police resources. | This can be facilitated subject to the information provided to the Council from the Police. |
| Cllr Blagrove requested that when provided with posters by local organisations and businesses that they are A5 to improve the appearance of the noticeboards. | The Council currently requests that organisations supply A5 posters; however, this requirement is not consistently met. |
| Cllr Crotty informed the Committee that the map board behind the noticeboard is outdated. | This is the responsibility of the company that own the noticeboards. |
| Cllr Wilson requested that the Engagement and Communications Committee develop a strategy on how to engage with residents. | This will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Engagement and Communications Committee. |

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| Cllr Wilson asked whether the noticeboards are under warranty and if maintenance by the Rangers would affect that warranty. | The noticeboards are not under warranty, therefore will not be affected by any maintenance carried out by the Town Rangers. |
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00391 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2026

All motions for the next meeting of the Engagement and Communications Committee on Wednesday 4th March 2026 must be received by 21st February 2026.

The meeting closed at 8:06pm.

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