

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 6:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Blagrove, Cllr Crotty, Cllr Drayson, Cllr Plim, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Winter.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J Daeva, Clerk; One videographer; Cllr Peters; 0 members of the public.

**00171 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Cllr Peters asked the council to consider introducing professional ID cards for councillors, office staff, and town rangers to improve identification during public engagement. Current lanyards were noted to be insufficient in informal settings, with concerns raised about their credibility.

Basic costings showed that suitable equipment could be sourced for £500–£1,000, with one example providing 100 cards for £900. Sample cards had been requested but not yet received. The matter may be revisited once samples are available.

**00172 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**00173 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

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

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

**00174 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Plim announced that, due to the absence of the Responsible Financial Officer, item 6 will be deferred until the next meeting.

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The draft Civic History Booklet will be provided for review by the committee at this meeting.

**00175 MINUTES**

- a) To approve and sign the minutes for the meeting of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**00176 BUDGET PREDICTIONS 2026–2027**

- a) To consider funding Bexhill Carnival road closure for 2026–2027.  
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- b) To consider funding Bexhill Street Market road closures for 2026–2027.  
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
- c) To receive predicted budget report for 2026–2027.  
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**00177 REGALIA**

- a) To note no update on St Peter’s Church Mayoral cushions.  
It was noted that the clerk will liaise with St Peter’s church to arrange the blessing of the cushions.
- b) To note no final quote received for Past Mayors’ badge received as yet. – noted.
- c) To consider the purchase of Town Crier badge for the cost of £85.00 + £7.50 delivery, excluding VAT.  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of Town Crier badge for the cost of £85.00 + £7.50 delivery, excluding VAT.

**00178 BEXHILL–ON–SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET**

- a) To note publication draft with printers, to be received at next meeting.  
A draft Civic History Booklet was received, and feedback will be emailed to the clerk.

**00179 COUNCILLOR ID TAGS (Cllr Peters)**

- a) To consider purchasing Councillor ID tags. (Cllr Peters)

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It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate Councillor ID tags and bring findings to the next meeting.

- b) To consider purchasing staff ID tags.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate staff ID tags and bring findings to the next meeting.

**00180 COUNCIL WEBSITE**

- a) To consider investigating the purchase of a new council website.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to investigate the purchase of a new council website and bring findings to the next meeting.

**00181 BEXHILL DAY (16 AUGUST 2025)**

- a) To receive feedback.

Thanks were noted to the staff for the organisation of Bexhill Day.  
The clerk will liaise with the Bexhill Trust regarding Bexhill Day 2026.

**00182 TOWN MEETING (27 SEPTEMBER 2025)**

- a) To note planning underway. Representatives from East Sussex County Council, Rother District Council and The Neighbourhood Board will be in attendance. – noted.

**00183 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS**

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

**00184 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LIAISON**

- a) To note Battle of Britain Service to be held at war memorials on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025. – noted.
- b) To note Remembrance Day planning underway. – noted.

**00185 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2025 (29 NOVEMBER 2025)**

- a) To receive Christmas lights designs.  
The designs were received.

**00186 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

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**00187      CORRESPONDENCE**

There is none.

**00188      QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

a) To note answers to questions from the last meeting.

There were none.

b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items.

*Questions shall be recorded in the minutes and responded to at the next meeting or before.*

Cllr Winter asked about the possibility of investigating past deputy mayor badges.

**00189      DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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:*

**00190      COMMUNITY EVENTS**

a) To receive Serpollet Sculpture design.

Two designs were received, and it was **RESOLVED** to submit a design to National Highways to check the feasibility of installing the sculpture on Glyne Gap roundabout.

*The meeting closed at 19:42pm.*

*Date.....*

*Signed.....*

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