

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA**
FULL COUNCIL held in the **PEBSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA

On **Wednesday 6th December 2023** at **6:30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson; Cllr El; Cllr Goss;
Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Plim; Cllr Wilson; Cllr Winter.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller Clerk; J Daeva; One sound technician; 6 members of the public, Cllr Timpe (Rother District Councillor). Cllr Stanger (Rother District Councillor)

00462 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public spoke about the closure of the toilets and how will the council raise the funds to keep the toilets open as Cllr Crotty advised the council needs £500k to do this.

The cost to clean and maintain all fourteen toilet sites is approximately £150,000 per year, this amount was raised in the 2023/24 council tax and is currently held in the Town Council's bank account. We are not sure what the £500,000 is referring to. The total repairs to bring the toilets up to their original state was presented in condition surveys by Rother District Council as £362,500 . The town council was offered £218,000 in CIL funding towards this and holds significant reserves that could cover the difference if all fourteen were transferred.

00463 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Norris, Cllr Clasby, Cllr Rustem and Cllr Hampton. Cllr Thomas were absent.

00464 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Drayson and Cllr Winter declared an interest as members of Rother District Council.

Cllr Winter as trustee and director of Citizens Advice.

00465 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00466 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of Wednesday 8th November 2023.

00467 COMMITTEES

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

- i. Planning and Development Advisory Committee 08/11/2023
- ii. Asset Transfer Committee 15/11/2023
- iii. Community Committee 15/11/2023
- iv. Finance and General Purposes Committee 15/11/2023
- v. Planning and Development Advisory Committee 22/11/2023
- vi. Finance and General Purposes Committee 22/11/2023

- a) To note advice regarding members raising concerns about committees or seeking information on what was discussed and councillors providing written reports of meetings.
- Councillors are not 'members of the public', they are elected representatives. They have the right to attend committee meetings as a councillor and have the option to ask questions of the committee during the public participation session. Councillors receive the minutes of the committee meetings at each Full Council meeting in order to be kept up to date on committee decisions and are able to listen to the recordings of meetings for the full discussions or go along and observe the meeting. Local Government Act 1972 s101 states that functions of the Council can only be delegated to an officer or committee, therefore an individual councillor would not have the authority to write a report of a meeting on behalf of the Council.*

00468 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

- a) Asset Transfer Committee
- i. To receive update on the following committee resolution and consider next steps:
*It was **RESOLVED** to request that Rother District Council review the possibility of a third-party agreement to re-open the Devonshire Square toilets and cross charge Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council until such time that the lease with Network Rail was agreed and signed, subject to the lease being acceptable to Network Rail.*
*It was **RESOLVED** enter into a legal agreement with Rother District Council to re-open the Devonshire Square toilets and cross charge Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council until such time that the lease with Network Rail is agreed and signed, subject to the lease being acceptable to Network Rail.*

*It was **RESOLVED** for the Asset Transfer Committee to draw up the cleaning specification for Devonshire Square and to advertise for cleaners.*
 - ii. To receive update on the following committee resolution and consider next steps:
*It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that contact RDC to agree a leasehold on the Polegrove and Channel View East toilets and*

to contact all known interested community groups to see who is interested in the other sites.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a lease on the Channel View East toilets and request that Rother District Council submit a draft document for the council to review.

- iii. To receive update on the following committee resolution and consider next steps:

*It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the town council continues to pursue the freehold of the remainder of the standalone sites as there are examples of this in three other councils.*

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council continues to pursue the freehold of the standalone sites.

The meeting closed at 19:18pm

Signed.....

Date.....

