

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** held in **The Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Eversley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea**

On **Wednesday 17th January 2024** at **7:00pm**.

PRESENT: Cllr Brailsford; Cllr El; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Winter.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; Cllr Goss; Cllr Wilson; four members of the public.

00527 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative of the Bexhill Lions club addressed the meeting seeking assistance with the road closures for the Continental Market.

Cllr Wilson addressed the meeting and encouraged the committee to move forward the youth council initiative.

00528 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

00529 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Winter declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council and as a member of 18 Hours committee.

Cllr Brailsford declared an interest in the Continental Market.

Cllr Plim declared an interest as a member of Bexhill Carnival Committee

Cllr Hampton declared an interest as a member of Bexhill Carnival Committee

00530 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** to move the Bexhill Lions item forward on the agenda.

00531 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Continental Market – to receive update from Bexhill Lions on road closures of Devonshire Road.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide road closure assistance to Bexhill Lions to facilitate the Continental Market.

00532 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes for the meeting of 15th November 2023.

00533 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

<u>200 Communications & Events</u>								
4510	Newsletters	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%		
4520	Notice Boards	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%		
4530	Grants & Community Support	21,318	26,000	4,682	4,682	82.0%	3,000	
4550	Print/Publications/Advertising	568	5,000	4,432	4,432	11.4%		
4560	Events	11,016	10,000	(1,016)	(1,016)	110.2%		
Communications & Events :- Indirect Expenditure		<u>32,902</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>21,098</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,098</u>	<u>60.9%</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Net Expenditure		<u>(32,902)</u>	<u>(54,000)</u>	<u>(21,098)</u>				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR		3,000					
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		<u>(29,902)</u>						

- a) To review the budget position
The budget position was noted.

00534 FIVE YEAR STRATEGY

- a) To note recommendations agreed at last meeting to be applied to the five-year strategy document. A press release will be issued when the document is updated.

00535 MAYORAL OFFICE

- a) To note Coat of Arms certificate received - noted.
b) To note the following on the Civic Awards:
- i. Civic Awards to take place on Saturday 16th March 2024 at St Peter's Community Centre. Nominations accepted by 1st February 2024.
 - ii. To note storage area in hub works ongoing.
- c) To receive any updates on Civic Staffing: Town Criers and Mace Bearer. It was noted that a strategy for civic staffing is underway.

00536 NOTICEBOARDS

- a) To note licence approved by Rother District Council and noticeboards to be installed – noted.

00537 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET

- a) To receive update on production of Bexhill-on-Sea Civic History booklet. It was noted that the template is being worked on.

00538 BEXHILL CARNIVAL 2024 (21-27 JULY 2024)

- a) To consider the committee's presence at Bexhill Carnival 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to take part in the Carnival with a pitch as per last year, and encourage all councillors to take part.

- a) To consider sponsoring Bexhill Carnival 2024.
It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow a member of the Carnival Committee to address the meeting.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to sponsor the Carnival £3000.

00539 BEXHILL DAY (17 AUGUST 2024)

- a) To note flypast and Royal British Legion salute booked – noted.
- b) To consider the re-use of banners for the month of August, and consider new banners for other areas of Bexhill.
It was **RESOLVED** to request permission from Rother District Council to display the existing banners on the sea front for the month of August and to create banners for display in Little Common, Sidley and Pebsham. The museum will be asked if they can provide higher resolution pictures. The dinosaur prints and Amsterdam wreck will be promoted.
- c) To consider showcase event in conjunction with Bexhill Heritage.
It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the showcase event in conjunction with Bexhill Heritage, incorporating the groups that were involved with the Health and Wellbeing market.
Promotion for the Bexhill Day event will be displayed around Bexhill and approach the Chamber of Commerce for support.

00540 D-DAY COMMEMORATION (6 JUNE 2024)

- a) To consider the reading of proclamation at 8am.
It was **RESOLVED** for the Town Crier to read the proclamation at 8am on 6th June 2024.
- b) To consider initiating Fish 'n' Chip day in Bexhill.
It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to investigate with the National Fish and Chip Association how Fish 'n' Chip day could be held in Bexhill.
- c) To note national beacon lighting – noted.
- d) To consider armed forces event for the weekend.
It was **RESOLVED** for the council to investigate an armed forces event for the D-Day weekend.
Cllr Brailsford and Cllr Plim both declared an interest as members of the civilian committee of the Bexhill Air Cadet Corps.

00541 COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENTS

- a) To note recommendation from Finance and General Purposes Committee to produce module training for the following subjects: HR, Dementia, Equality, Diversity and Autism, and GDPR.
A module training course will be sought.

00542 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (10 NOVEMBER 2024)

- a) To note updates on Remembrance Parades for 2024.

It was noted that improvements are being made for 2024 and this is being discussed in operational meetings.

00543 GLYNE GAP ROUNABOUT

- a) To receive update on Glyne Gap roundabout development – there was nothing to report.

00544 18 HOURS

- a) To note 18 Hours invited to next meeting on 13th March 2024 – noted.

00545 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

- a) To review recommendations for 2024.
The committee reviewed the Christmas Lights installed in 2023 and agreed the following:
- i. 30 foot tree
 - ii. A permanent tree to be investigated.
 - iii. Marina and St Leonards Road will be investigated.
 - iv. Cross Street Lighting in Western Road to be costed.
 - v. A Welcome to Bexhill Sign on the London Road approach to town and possible expansion to lights.
 - vi. Decorative lights for the Serpollet.
 - vii. Switch-on Event

00546 YOUTH COUNCIL

- a) To note final recommendation from working group to be presented on 15th March 2024 (Cllr Hampton, Cllr El, Cllr Winter, and Cllr Rustem.)

00547 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There are none.

00548 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

Cllr Crotty asked When will the Christmas Lights go up?	The Christmas Lights were installed prior to the agreed date 1 st December 2023.
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- b) To receive questions from councillors and any future agenda items.
Cllr Plim asked if the committee will consider being involved in the Bexhill Horse Show and Bexhill 100 Motor Show.
Cllr Winter and Cllr Brailsford declared an interest as a member of the Bexhill Horse Show.

00549 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13TH MARCH 2024

Meeting closed at 20:08pm

Signed.....

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