

Sackville ward town councillors update: 20 April 2022

Events

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson helped Kevin Terrell organise a 'Busking for Ukraine' fundraising event in Sackville ward on Saturday 26 March. Scores of people packed the East Parade promenade outside the Bathing Station to enjoy music from Kevin, and from Eastbourne country music singer John Lane. The event was attended by town Mayor Paul Plim, and over £1,000 was raised.

Both councillors attended a competition to find Bexhill's first town crier for generations on Saturday 9 April. Cllr Baldry was one of the judges and read a poem she had written especially for the occasion, while Cllr Gibson was one of the marshalls for the event.

Cllr Gibson and Cllr Baldry will be attending the Bexhill Hub for Ukraine support meeting at 2pm tomorrow (Thursday 21 April) at Beulah Baptist Church.

Residents, businesses and community

We continue to work with residents, businesses and the local community. We supported Stella Brennan-Wright at the Bathing Station following a break-in when donations for Ukraine were stolen.

Cllr Gibson is meeting with Lindsay White from Community Supporters on Friday 22 April to find out more about the organisation's work and how the town council can support them.

Deputy Mayor

In her role as deputy mayor, Cllr Baldry met with Mayor Paul Plim, the town clerk and the assistant town clerk to create an inventory of town regalia for transfer to the town council.

Working with RDC and ESCC

Both councillors keep in regular contact with Cllr Terry Bryne and Cllr Hazel Timpe (RDC) and Cllr Ian Hollidge (ESCC). We continue to work together on issues like the broken traffic lights by the Esso Garage on the A259 to Hastings, the derelict shop front in Sea Road, and people sleeping overnight at Galley Hill.

We are holding our third joint surgery all together for residents on Friday 29 April from 10.30am-12noon at the Bathing Station.

Council business and committees

Cllr Baldry and Cllr Gibson have attended the regular council meetings. We both attended the finance and general purposes committee meeting on Wednesday 23 March which allocated grant funding to a variety of community groups including Heart of Sidley, Bexhill Carnival, the Bexhill Lions, Pebsham Community Centre and Friends of Little Common.

Both councillors are also on the community committee which is in the process of drafting a five-year strategy to recommend to the full council on Wednesday 20 April on how to implement the results of the Big Survey 2021.

And we also both attended an extraordinary full council meeting on Wednesday 13 April to discuss premises.

Upcoming diary

- **21 April:** Bexhill Hub for Ukraine support meetings, Beulah Baptist Church (2-4pm and 7-9pm)
- **27 April:** Finance and general purposes committee
- **11 May:** Community committee
- **29 April:** Joint surgery with RDC and ESCC councillors, the Bathing Station, 10.30am-12noon
- **18 May:** Full council meeting (annual meeting)

Thank you, Cllr Elly Gibson and Cllr Claire Baldry

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