

## BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the **COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL** held in **Manor Barn, Bexhill-on-Sea** on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr Baldry (Chairman); Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Barfoot; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Gibson; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Taylor-Gee; Cllr Winter

Also in attendance: J Miller Clerk;

**00215. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**00216. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr Baldry declared an interest in the events items as a member of Made in Bexhill.

**00217. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chairman reported that Cllr Clasby had resigned from the committee and a new member will be voted at the next full council meeting.  
The chairman announced that a survey box had been placed at the Pelham.

**00218. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

There were none.

### **MINUTES**

**00219.** It was **RESOLVED** to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**00220.** It was **RESOLVED** to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> July will be signed at the next meeting.

### **CONSULTATION 2021**

**00221.** Each councillor gave an update on the work in their respective wards. When the clerk produces the next update to all councillors it was agreed to share Cllr Gibson's text on approaching local organisations. The update will also include a reminder that shops, schools, sheltered housing/care homes need to be contacted by ward councillors that are not represented by the committee.

**00222.** The clerk will investigate options for inputting to be considered at the next meeting.  
Posters will be created to continue raising awareness of the survey.

### **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT**

**00223.** It was **RESOLVED** that, as a start, the council organise a councillor event for 2<sup>nd</sup> October to clean up the area at the junction with London Road and King Offa Way.

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The clerk will work on the risk assessment, equipment and insurance requirements for the event.

It was noted that the results shall be advertised afterwards to highlight the lack of action by the other authorities, and that this initiative shall not set a precedent for the town council dealing with other authorities' issues.

Cllr Carroll offered to assist with waste removal.

**00224.** It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council the clerk be delegated to authorise local councillor led events.

It was asked that hanging baskets be considered at the next meeting.

**00225. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

a) To note business cards to be investigated once premises is agreed.  
It was **RESOLVED** to order business cards without an address and telephone number for now. If a councillor wishes their telephone number included they should advise the clerk.

b) To consider sponsorship policy for recommendation to full council  
It was **RESOLVED** recommend to full council that the policy be accepted with a limit of £500.00.

c) To consider noticeboard policy and strategy for recommendation to full council  
It was noted that the key shall be held by the town council office.

The policy will be reviewed annually to consider future charging for business advertising.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the noticeboard policy to full council

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate noticeboards one per ward in five wards up to a value of £2000.00 each at:

Penland Wood; Little Common Recreation Ground Car Park; Pebsham Recreation Ground by the Co-Op; Turkey Road, One Stop; Collington – Polegrove.

The strategy will be prepared for the next meeting.

It was noted that Alexis Markwick could be asked to provide a map of all the noticeboards in the Bexhill-on-Sea boundary. It was also noted that RDC could be asked if the town council can take over their boards.

d) To consider approaching BT to use old phone boxes as noticeboards  
It was **RESOLVED** to investigate a project plan for old phone boxes.

**00226. TOWN CRIER**

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate a job description and consider an audition event. The clerk will investigate the Hastings Town Crier terms and conditions. Invite Hastings Town Crier to the next meeting.

*Cllr Rustem left the meeting at 20:04pm*

*Cllr Rustem re-entered the meeting at 20:06pm*

**00227. HELLO BEXHILL**

To note signs being investigated with highways authorities, including regenerating Glyne Gap roundabout entrance – noted

It was asked where the Sidley sign has gone.

**00228. EVENTS**

a) To review Bexhill Day 2021 event and consider plans for 2022 including flypast.

It was noted that the date the Bexhill Charter was signed is 15<sup>th</sup> August and Bexhill Day 2022 is a Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> August).

The following observations were noted: this year's events were disjointed with two separate events competing against each other; a wide variety of events in different venues was appreciated; could have marked the day with a plaque or something similar; it was good to let people make the day their own; businesses would like more than one day to celebrate; residents had fed back concerns about the corporate nature of the Glyne Gap event; the council could start planning earlier this year; the council could commission flags and bunting next time; perhaps organise a procession/floats; could organise a re-enactment of Bexhill Charter signing.

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to arrange a separate meeting in November to plan Bexhill Day and King Offa celebrations.

It was **RESOLVED** to apply to the RAF for a fly-past for Bexhill Day 2022 due to the event coinciding with Eastbourne 'Airbourne'.

- c) To review Anglo/Continental Market presence and consider other events to attend to promote the survey.

It was noted that attendance at the market was successful for the town council and it was agreed to attend the farmers market and to approach the De La Warr Pavilion to promote the survey in October. It was agreed to also approach Tesco and Marks and Spencer and Jempsons.

- d) To note update on Remembrance plans for 2021 and to approve risk assessment. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the risk assessment for Remembrance Events for 2021.

It was noted that the council will arrange a team for the Poppy Run 2021.

- e) To consider plans for beacon lighting on Galley Hill

It was **RESOLVED** to request more information from RDC regarding transferring ownership of the beacon.

- f) To consider plans for King Offa Celebrations/museum display

It was noted that the regalia will be displayed at the museum from June – September 2022.

- g) To consider using regalia for community awards

It was **RESOLVED** to use the regalia for community awards. It was suggested that the three trophies could be used for civic awards for the town council. It could be a Mayoral award each year and displayed at the museum.

#### **00229. CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider request from Manor Barn for support in Hastings Direct Grant for environmentally friendly water heaters.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Hastings Direct to support the grant application by the Manor Barn.

#### **00230. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) To receive questions from councillors

Cllr Rustem reported that he attended the Bexhill Community Network Event by RVA and they are seeking an external representative from the town council. Cllr Taylor-Gee asked for a future agenda item to brain-storm 'quick wins'.

Cllr Taylor-Gee said that the Bexhill Trust had advised that the Town Council can use the shield version of the coat of arms and can this be investigated.

- b) To note any future agenda items

There were none.

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**00231. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

*Meeting closed at 20:56pm*

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