

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL** held in the **Council Chamber** on **Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 6.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Plim (Town Mayor)
Claire Baldry (Deputy Town Mayor)
Dan Barfoot Sharon Blagrove Lynn Brailsford
Tony Carroll Bryan Clasby Brian Drayson
Tim Fenner Elly Gibson David Harding
Charlie Rustem Viv Taylor-Gee Richard Thomas
Connor Winter Stuart Wray

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public
Cllr Nuara Geary, Kent County Councillor
Elise Liversedge, Town Forum
Julie Miller, Town Clerk

00067. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked if the town council will continue to use the coat of arms as transferred from the Charter Trustees, it was noted that investigations are underway.

A member of the public asked what will happen to the assets that were transferred from the Charter Trustees, it was noted that these are currently being held at the Town Hall.

A member of the public asked if the Bexhill Trust will continue, it was noted that this is a separate entity to the town council.

00068. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Norris and Cllr Izzard.

00069. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

00070. MINUTES

(a) It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of 16th June 2021

(b) To receive the minutes of committees held since the last Full Council meeting

i. Community Committee

Cllr Baldry gave an update on the work of the committee. It was noted that an extra-ordinary committee meeting had been called on 28th July 2021 to discuss the plan for the forthcoming public consultation.

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(c) To receive any notes and updates from working groups

i. Premises Working Group

Cllr Taylor-Gee reported that the group shall be working with the town clerk to seek appropriate premises.

ii. COVID Recovery Team 'Best way of recovering from COVID'

Cllr Taylor-Gee reported that the group is exploring the need to celebrate the town and ideas are being developed.

The Town Centre steering group meeting minutes were discussed and there were some concerns raised about councillors attending the group without formal approval from the full council. The attendance list on the February minutes was also queried as it showed town councillors present prior to the election. It was noted that the clerk shall obtain confirmation from Rother District Council on the queries raised.

It was noted that an External Representation policy is being investigated for consideration at a future meeting.

00071. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

To consider recommendations from committees

(a) Community Committee: To adopt the terms of reference

It was proposed to increase the committee to 10 members, this was seconded however the motion fell.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the terms of reference for the Community Committee.

00072. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

(a) Ward District Councillors

There were none.

(b) Division County Councillors

Cllr Azad and Cllr Hollidge had sent apologies prior to the meeting.

Cllr Nuala Geary spoke about West Division. It was reported that grass cutting, wild flower verges and potholes are the main subjects being discussed at the County Council. Cllr Geary suggested that the town council could fund additional cuts to the verges, the town clerk shall investigate the costs.

Cllr Geary gave updates on the various bodies that she is working with in her capacity as County Councillor.

Herbrand Walk issues are being investigated to set up a resilience group similar to that in Camber.

(c) Town Councillors

Town Councillors gave updates on the work carried out in their wards.

00073. OFFICER'S REPORT

The town clerk gave an update on the work since the last meeting.

00074. BEXHILL TRUST

Cllr Drayson reported that Rother District Council has formally decided to transfer the responsibility for nominating trustees to the town council.

It was **RESOLVED** for Bexhill-on-Sea Town council to become the appointing body of the Bexhill Trust.

The clerk will investigate the obligations of the appointing body and report back to the next meeting.

00075. ARMED FORCES COVENANT

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant and extend this to include Healthcare Workers Covenant.

00076. MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS FOR CONSIDERATION

(a) Cllr Brailsford:

That all working groups produce minutes of their meetings, which are then emailed to all participants for all parties to agree the accuracy of the content of the minutes before they are submitted to the Full Council for discussion.

It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk to draft a protocol for working groups to be considered at the next meeting.

00077. CORRESPONDENCE

West St Leonards Forum – Neighbourhood Plan – noted.

00078. TO NOTE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Drayson asked for the town council to formulate a response to Rother District Council's proposals for PSPOs.

Cllr Harding asked for extra verge cutting to be placed on a future agenda.

Cllr Harding asked about removing the 'he' pronoun from the standing order document.

Cllr Thomas asked for devolvement of services to be added to a future agenda.

Cllr Thomas asked for allotments to be discussed at a future meeting.

Cllr Thomas asked for Neighbourhood Plan to be added to a future agenda.

Cllr Thomas asked for a motion to be prepared to advise residents to exercise caution with regards to COVID 19, to maintain mask wearing and social distancing.

Cllr Rustem asked for details on election costs.

Cllr Rustem asked about the consultation document discussion at full council..

Cllr Carroll asked about the allotments hosting a wildlife hotel

It was noted that these items shall go before the relevant committees in the first instance.

Cllr Drayson thanked the clerk for setting up the website.

00079. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th August 2021 at 6.30pm in the Pebsham Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 19:47pm

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