

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL** held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL TOWN HALL, LONDON ROAD, BEXHILL-ON-SEA**

On **Wednesday 6th March 2024** at **6:46pm**.

PRESENT: Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Byrne; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Crotty; Cllr Drayson; Cllr El; Cllr Goss; Cllr Hampton; Cllr Huseyin; Cllr Jacklin; Cllr Norris; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Timpe; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Wilson; Cllr Winter.

ALSO PRESENT: J Miller, Clerk; J Daeva; One sound technician; three members of the public.

Cllr Byrne entered the meeting at 18:48pm

00680 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public spoke in support of the Freedom of Award to Jimmy Carroll.

A member of the public spoke about Christmas Lights options for the town council.

00681 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

00682 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Winter declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

Cllr Drayson declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

Cllr Timpe declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council and director of Old Town Occasions Ltd.

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

Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.

00683 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are none.

00684 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the following meetings of the full council:

a) Wednesday 21st February 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2024.

00685 COMMITTEES

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

- i. Planning and Development advisory Committee 21/02/2024
 - ii. Full Council Extra-ordinary meeting 21/02/24
 - iii. Finance and General Purposes Committee 21/02/24
- a) To note current vacancies on committees as per Terms of Reference and appoint members to the following vacancies:
- i. Planning and Development Advisory Committee x 1
This was deferred to the next meeting.
 - ii. Climate, Nature and Environment Committee x 2
This was deferred to the next meeting.

00686 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There are none.

00687 MAYOR'S OFFICE

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor.
An update was received.

00688 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

External councillors may report for 3 minutes. Written reports must be received three days before the meeting.

- a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors.
A written report was received.
- b) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors.
Cllr Timpe reported news on the purchase of a waste depot in Sidley and the procurement of the new grounds maintenance contract. The outfall pipe should be repaired before the summer season.
- c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.
Cllr Crotty reported that the buses are no longer using Sackville Road due to the damage to the road and East Sussex County Council cannot repair this until the scaffolding has been removed from "Dreams".
It was **RESOLVED** to write to East Sussex County Council to request action to address the sink holes in Bexhill such as Sackville Road and Buckhurst Road as this is having severe impact on residents and businesses.

Cllr Drayson left the meeting at 19:12pm

00689 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) To review Council project list.
The project list was noted.
- b) To receive recommendation from Terms of Reference working group.
Cllr Crotty left the meeting at 19:25pm.
Cllr Crotty re-entered the meeting at 19:26pm.

It was **RESOLVED** to retain a separate Planning and Development and Advisory Committee and the remainder of the recommendations of the working group contained in the report were adopted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended Financial Regulations.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended Standing Orders.

The Town Clerk will obtain advice from NALC on the delegation of functions of the council (Local Government Act 1972 s101) to ensure that Councillors are very clear on corporate body working and lawful restrictions on Councillors acting outside the corporate body.

00690 ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASION

- a) To note update on High Street Task Force – Cllr Brailsford. – noted.
It was noted that then next meeting is on 14th March 2024.
- b) To note any updates on leaders meetings – Cllr Brailsford and Cllr Wilson. – noted.

00691 SUSSEX POLICE LIAISON

- a) To note no further update. – noted.

00692 NORTHEYE ASYLUM PROPOSAL

- a) To receive updates.
There were none.

00693 ST LEONARD'S ROAD GREENING PROJECT

- a) To receive updates.
There were none.

00694 ACCESSIBLE PLAY PARK FOR PEBSHAM

- a) To receive updates.
It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to draw up the specification for a design, build and maintain accessible play park proposal at Pebsham Recreation Ground. A draft lease will be negotiated with Rother District Council and presented back to the council for approval.

00695 PUTTING GREEN/ CRAZY GOLF

- a) To receive update.
It was **RESOLVED** to submit the full information to Rother District Council for a pop-up crazy golf activity on the De La Warr lawns in summer 2024 and 2025 and the costs will be presented back to the next meeting.

00696 KEANE

- a) To receive update on benefit concert.

It was noted that the website had been updated with information about the band Keane and the council is awaiting a response from Keane's agent.

00697 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

To receive reports from external representatives (circulated prior to the meeting)

a) RALC – Cllr Wilson and Cllr Jacklin

b) Citizen's Advice – Cllr Winter

It was noted that Cllr Winter was no longer able to carry out this role.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Byrne take up this role.

c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron – Mayor

d) Bexhill Maritime – Cllr Timpe

e) Little Gate Farm – Cllr Jacklin

f) Support for Ukraine – Cllr Crotty and Cllr Drayson.

g) Devolved Services Meeting with Parishes and RDC Members – Cllr Plim and Cllr Brailsford.

h) Rother Voluntary Action – to receive update on request for representative.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

00698 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) Cllr Wilson

Bexhill Town Council have now been in existence for nearly 3 years and whilst I am aware that there is a 5 year plan that is under review I wish for the full council to consider and debate the following:-

To consider what we need to do to position Bexhill Town council for it to be able to grow over the next 20 years to encompass some of the many activities that other Town Councils in this country do.

Cllr Crotty left the meeting at 20:43pm

Cllr Crotty re-entered the meeting at 20:45pm

It was **RESOLVED** to organise a visioning exercise for the council to consider what it needs to do to position Bexhill Town council for it to be able to grow over the next 20 years to encompass some of the many activities that other Town Councils in this country do.

00699 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There were none.

00700 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a) To receive answers to questions raised at the last meeting.

Cllr Timpe asked what the risk assessment for the Hub states for public access.	The Hub is suitable for the public to enter and be seated in the reception area. The back office does not have the relevant safety and security features, toilet facilities or accessible corridors for the public.
Cllr Drayson asked what use if any can the town council make of volunteers.	That would be for the town council to decide.
Cllr Drayson asked if the council is aware that over the last 20 years both the great crested newt and little whirlpool ramshorn snail species have been lost from the Pevensey Levels.	The council was not aware.
Cllr Plim asked if clarification on these species could be sought from David Dennis.	This has been asked for.
Cllr Timpe asked if the council is planning to support March 3rd Covid Reflection Day	The Council has not received any information about March 3rd .
Cllr Goss asked in the minutes of the full council it is noted that F&GP rejected the plan to buy new bins. In accounts a bin has been bought, how did it get bought and who is maintaining it	The Council's accounts show the purchase of a grit bin, the plan that was rejected was for litter bins.
Cllr Jacklin asked if councillors can come with suggestions to help the wider community being brought back into the Carnival from 2025 in the next review.	This will be added to future agenda.

- b) To receive questions from councillors at the meeting.

Cllr Timpe asked that the council consider looking at supporting the 70's experience event.

Cllr Carroll asked if the council could start documenting the history of the Mayor.

- c) To note any future agenda items.

There were none.

- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

There were none.

00701 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10TH APRIL 2024.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press will not be permitted to attend during the following item:

00702 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON SACKVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

It was **RESOLVED** to report the delays in obtaining information from the owner to Rother District Council.

Cllr Crotty left the meeting at 21:05pm.

00703 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL CLAIM

An update was noted.

The meeting was closed at 21:11pm.

Signed.....

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