

**BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the  
**BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FULL COUNCIL** held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROTHER DISTRICT**  
**COUNCIL TOWN HALL, BEXHILL-ON-SEA.**  
on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Baldry (Deputy Mayor); Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Barfoot;  
Cllr Clasby; Cllr Drayson; Cllr Gibson; Cllr Harding;  
Cllr Norris; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Taylor-Gee; Cllr Wray;  
Cllr Winter.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J Miller, Clerk

**00299. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were none.

**00300. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies with reasons for absence from Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Fenner; Cllr Plim; Cllr Rustem; Cllr Izzard. Cllr Gibson advised of lateness.

**00301. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr Harding declared an interest in the item concerning Ukraine due to hosting refugees. Cllr Winter declared an interest in the item concerning Citizens Advice

*Cllr Thomas entered the meeting at 19:04pm*

**00302. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**00303. COMMITTEES**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and updates of committees held since the last Full Council meeting:

- a) Planning and Development Advisory Committee - 07/07/2022
- b) Asset Transfer Committee – 28/09/2022
- c) Climate, Nature, and Environment Committee – 28/09/2022

**00304. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

There are none.

**00305. MAYOR'S OFFICE**

- a) To receive update on the work of the Town Mayor – it was noted that an update will be given at the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to thank the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk for organising the Proclamation and Moment of National Reflection at short notice.

*Cllr Gibson entered the meeting at 19:07pm*

**00306. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors  
There were none.
- b) To receive reports from Ward District Councillors  
There were none.
- c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors  
A report for Sackville Ward was circulated.

**00307. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON**

- a) To receive notes from meeting of 26/09/2022
- b) To agree terms of reference for Rother District Council liaison meeting  
A draft terms of reference document was circulated prior to the meeting.  
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the terms of reference with the following additional point:  
Any representations which are made during these meetings should not be quoted or reported by either party in the public domain unless the relevant officer approves them.

**00308. SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

- a) To receive update from Cllrs Brailsford; Taylor-Gee; Thomas on 'Bexhill Hub for Ukraine Support'  
Cllr Taylor-Gee gave an update.

**00309. SUPPORT FOR EAST SUSSEX FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE IN BEXHILL**

- a) To consider writing letter of support to Bexhill fire and rescue service personnel and to express concern for any proposed cuts to local services.  
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**00310. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- a) To consider steps to be taken to encourage members of the public to stand for election in 2023.  
It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Community Committee to prepare a communication plan for encouraging members of the public to stand for election. Social media campaign, posters, QR code to website page, a 'drop in' at the premises were all discussed as ideas.
- b) To approve broadband contract connection for new premises.  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve a two-year contract with BT to supply broadband to the new premises,

**00311. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES**

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

- a) RALC - Cllr Winter and Cllr Taylor-Gee – a meeting is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

- b) Citizen’s Advice Bureau – Cllr Gibson – the merger between Rother CAB and Hastings CAB has been completed Cllr Gibson will arrange a meeting.
- c) Bexhill Air Cadet Squadron – Mayor – no further update.
- d) Fairtrade – Cllr Izzard – no further update.
- e) Old and Bold – Cllr Barfoot – it was noted that the project is progressing.
- f) Sea Angling Club Design Workshop – Cllr Gibson – it was noted that the project is progressing in a positive manner.
- g) To note Police Forum attendees confirmed for 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – noted.
- h) To nominate two attendees for ESALC AGM 30/11/2022 1pm.  
It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Drayson to attend the ESALC AGM. The clerk will contact all councillors to seek a further attendee.
- i) To consider request for 2 x Christmas Window Judges.  
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Drayson and Cllr Winter as Christmas window judges.

#### 00312. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Carroll  
That the town council pledge support for the Anti-Bullying Alliance  
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

#### 00313. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

*All information circulated to councillors prior to the meeting*

- a) Rother Sports Facilities Survey – to consider response.  
It was **RESOLVED** that the council felt as it is a new council it does not believe that it is able to respond. It was felt that Rother District Council would be better placed to give details of sports facilities in Bexhill.
- b) To note Barnhorn Green Health and Employment Scheme events 03/10 and 06/10.

#### 00314. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Cllr Carroll Could the council sign up to the Anti-Bullying pledge to show residents that the council supports professional behaviour.	This motion is on the agenda.
Cllr Carroll the town council could write to the local fire services to offer thanks and support.	There is an item on the agenda in relation to Bexhill Fire and Rescue to consider this.
Cllr Wray asked for feedback from the grants that were paid.	This will be added to the Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda.

Cllr Taylor-Gee asked if the town council could write to express concern about the proposed fire cuts	BoSTC/05.10.2022 – 000091 There is an item on the agenda in relation to Bexhill Fire and Rescue to consider this.
Cllr Plim asked if the council could ask the Fire Service to present their issues to the town council	A request has been sent.
Cllr Taylor-Gee asked if the town council could do something about not being included in the meetings for sewage	The Climate, Nature, and Environment Committee are taking this matter forward.
Cllr Thomas asked that the council ‘stick up’ for residents on the sewage spill.	The Climate, Nature, and Environment Committee are taking this matter forward.

- b) To receive questions from councillors
  - Cllr Taylor-Gee asked for an update on the premises.
  - Cllr Harding asked what response was given to 18 hours in relation to their funding request.
  - Cllr Drayson asked if the council foresee councillors attending the office on a timetable at specified times each week.
- c) To note any future agenda items – there were none.
- d) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.
  - Cllr Drayson asked how the council are affected by the cost of living and energy price rises and for this to be added to the risk register.

**00315. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

*Meeting closed at 19:47pm*

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