

## BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL Community Committee** held at the **Town Hall Committee Room** on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 18:30pm (The meeting started at 19:00)**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Baldry; Cllr Brailsford; Cllr Barfoot; Cllr Carroll; Cllr Blagrove; Cllr Gibson; Cllr Plim; Cllr V Taylor-Gee; Cllr Winter

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

### 00657. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

### 00658. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Rustem.

### 00659. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

### 00660. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman confirmed the order of business for the meeting.

### 00661. MINUTES

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

### 00662. THE BIG SURVEY 2021

- a) To consider the general priorities for the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council five-year strategic plan.  
Councillors discussed their ideas for priorities.
- b) To consider actions for the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council five-year strategic plan.  
Councillors discussed their ideas for the actions and which year they would fit into.
- c) To consider initial timings and 'what happens when'.  
Councillors discussed their ideas for timings.
- d) To consider presentation of the strategic plan.  
It was **AGREED** to set the plan over five years, detailing each year.

*Cllr Carroll left the meeting at 19:57*

*Cllr Carroll re-entered the meeting at 20:00*

It was **AGREED** to formulate an introduction, a vision and a context to what has already been achieved.

It was **AGREED** to use the five headings to form the headings as follows:

Bexhill Town Council  
Environment and Climate Change  
Music, Culture and the Arts  
Health, Wellbeing and Community  
Business, Tourism and Events  
Highways, Transport and Accessibility.

It was **AGREED** to update the five year template with the following:-

Move forward Neighbourhood Plan  
Move young people to year one  
Add to investigate use of empty shops  
Add CCTV for security  
Investigate water feature and creative use of current site  
Add plant more trees  
Use word 'consider' for any reference to transfer of assets  
Move happy to chat benches ahead of happy to chat cafes.

It was **AGREED** to recommend the following for year one:

1. Set up new premises
2. Recruit customer services staff member
3. Organise live streaming
4. Publish regular newsletter
5. Organise wellbeing event for COVID recovery
6. Organise Climate and Nature Panel event to feed into Climate Action Plan.
7. Audit and implement all required policies for the town council to operate compliantly and ensure training delivered to councillors and staff
8. Install five noticeboards across the area to improve public engagement
9. Replace 'welcome to' signs to improve sense of community
10. Consider transfer maintenance of public toilets to the town council to improve user experience
11. Fund additional cuts to verges through East Sussex County Council
12. Recruit facilities officer responsible for contract compliance and general risk management
13. Take on management of allotments from Rother District Council and consider biodiversity policies
14. Introduce 'Happy to Chat' benches
15. Work with Dementia Charities to achieve Dementia Friendly town status and pilot coffee mornings
16. Consider young people engagement initiatives

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- 17. Consider activities for senior citizen social engagement
- 18. Investigate indoor/outdoor cinema
- 19. Start to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan
- 20. Work with environment groups to plant trees

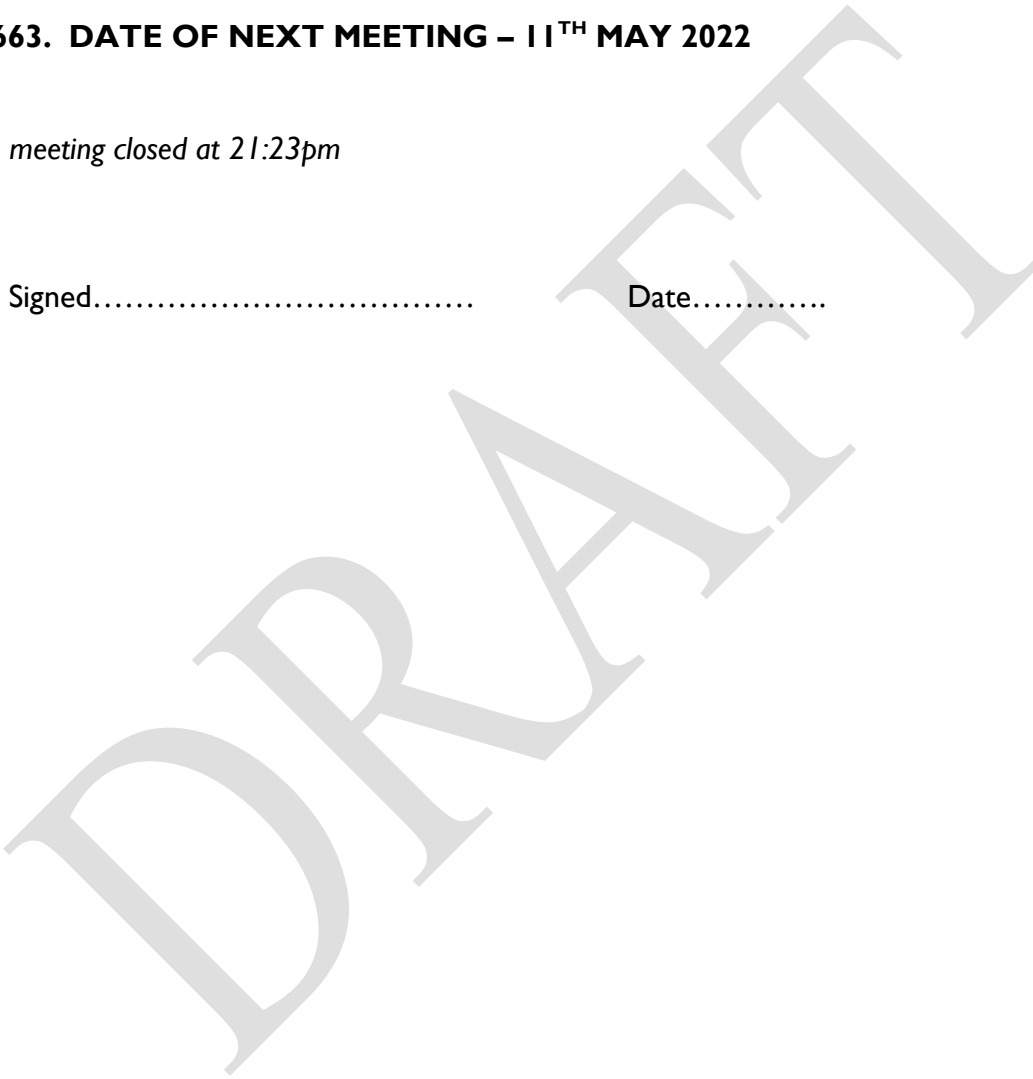
It was **RESOLVED** that the agreements made so far for year one are taken to full council with an outline of what has been discussed for years two to five to be referred back to the Community Committee.

**00663. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

*The meeting closed at 21:23pm*

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Date.....



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