

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
on **Wednesday 4th March 2026** at **6:30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Crotty, Cllr Drayson, Cllr Plim, Cllr Thomas.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: T Clayton; L Muhilathithan; One Videographer; 1 member of public.

00482 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

00483 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies for absence with reason from Cllr Huseyin and Cllr Winter.

00484 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

Cllr Plim declared an interest in item 11.

00485 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Plim announced that Cllr Blagrove has resigned from her position as Deputy Chair of the Engagement and Communications Committee. Asks the Committee if they would like to go through the process of nominating a new Deputy Chair in tonight's meeting or at the next meeting, but that will be the last meeting and then all Committees will be re-formed.

It was **RESOLVED** to not elect a new Deputy Chair of the Engagement and Communications Committee due to the closely approaching time for all Committees to be re-formed.

00486 MINUTES

To approve the minutes from the following Engagement and Communications meeting:

a) Wednesday 7th January 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 7th January 2026.

00487 REGALIA

a) To note the Council has received Alderman Gray's Badge. – noted.

Cllr Plim proposed that when the Mayor and Deputy Mayor cannot attend an event a former Mayor will be invited and will attend wearing Alderman Gray's Badge on behalf of the Council.

It was **RESOLVED** for a previous Mayor to be invited to any event that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor cannot attend and wear Alderman Gray's Badge on behalf of the Council.

b) To note the Book of Freedom requires updating. – not been updated since October 2019.

Cllr Plim proposed to invite the Freemen who have not yet signed the Book of Freedom to the Civic Award Ceremony on the 18th April 2026 and sign their names in the Book.

Cllr Drayson suggested having a Calligrapher write the names of the Freemen into the book.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Freeman who have not yet signed their names in the Book of Freedom to be invited to the Civic Award Ceremony on the 18th April and sign their names in the Book.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Officers to investigate into having a Calligrapher write the names of the Freeman into the Book of Freedom.

00488 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET

- a) To receive an update on the Civic History Booklet. – update received.

00489 BEXHILL DAY 2026 – SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026.

- a) To receive update on the planning of the event. – update received.

Cllr Plim proposed starting formal communication with two Townships called Bexhill located in Australia and Canada – to wish them a happy Bexhill Day and send them a copy of the Civic History Booklet.

Cllr Drayson declared an interest as a Trustee of Bexhill Trust. Cllr Drayson proposed to include mention of Bexhill Trust in the communication with the Townships to promote the original purpose of Bexhill Day; to raise money for Bexhill Trust.

It was **RESOLVED** to create formal contact with both Bexhill Towns located in Australia and Canada regarding Bexhill Day and send them a copy of the Civic History Booklet.

It was **RESOLVED** to include mention of Bexhill Trust in the formal communication with the Bexhill Townships in Australia and Canada to highlight the link between the Trust and Bexhill Day.

00490 CIVIC AWARDS AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

- a) To receive an update – The event is scheduled for Saturday 18th April 2026. – update received.

To note all award winners have been notified and invited to the Civic Award Ceremony.

Cllr Drayson proposed that the Committee recommend to Full Council to encourage as many Councillors as possible to attend the Annual Town Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to encourage as many Councillors as possible to attend the Annual Town Meeting.

00491 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS

- a) To receive an update on the request from Little Common for the Town Council to take ownership of War Memorial and assist with the installation of flagpole on roundabout. – Planning permission has been granted. – update received.

00492 ONE-OFF NEWSPAPER/LEAFLET

- a) To receive update. – update received.

To note an example of the newspaper/leaflet was circulated at the meeting.

00493 COUNCILLOR ID TAGS

- a) To note the ID tags have now been ordered. – noted.

00494 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There was none.

00495 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

00496 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2026

All motions for the next meeting of the Engagement and Communications Committee on Wednesday 6th May 2026 must be received by 25th April 2026.

The meeting was closed to the public at 18:57pm.

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 items:

Cllr Drayson proposed to suspend standing orders.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders at 19:00pm.

00497 MACE-BEARER

a) To decide whether to re-new contract with current Macebearer or seek new employment.

It was **RESOLVED** to re-new contract with the current Macebearer.

The meeting was closed at 19:04pm.

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