

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

to be held in the **Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Eversley Road,**

Bexhill-on-Sea

on **Wednesday 24th June 2026** at **6:00pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:



Adam Chugg

Town Clerk

17th June 2026

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with standing order 3(f) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(g), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(h), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. MINUTES

- a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday the 20th May 2026.
(Appendix A)

- b) To approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on Wednesday the 3rd June 2026.

(Appendix B)

6. MAYORS OFFICE

- a) To receive an update on the work of Town Mayor.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

8. TO CONSIDER APPOINTING NINTH MEMBER OF FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

9. TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE DOCUMENT AND EX OFFICIO VOTING RIGHTS

(Appendix C)

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

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

- a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors.
- b) To receive reports form Ward District Councillors.
- c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.

11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW

- a) To review system of internal control.

This Council is asked to review the system of internal control.

(Appendix D)

- b) To review the effectiveness of the system of internal control.

This Council asked to consider the attached statement of internal control in support of the Annual Governance Statement.

The Chair of the meeting and the Clerk to sign.

(Appendix E)

- c) To approve the internal audit report 2025-2026

(Appendix F)

- d) To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2025–2026, Section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31st March 2026.

The Clerk to present the assertions and the Council to answer. The Chair and Clerk to sign and date.

(Appendix G)

- e) To approve the Accounting Statements for 2025–2026, Section 2 of the Agar for the year ending 31st March 2026, the supporting Bank Reconciliation as of 31st March 2026 and the explanation of the significant variances from the last year (2024–2025) to this year (2025–2026).

The Chair and Clerk to sign and date.

(Appendix H)

12. TO CONSIDER 36 MONTH CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS FOR THE HUB

- a) To note quotes circulated prior to the meeting.

13. TO REVIEW THE POLICY FOR CIL GRANTS

(Appendix I)

14. TO REVIEW THE FIRE SAFETY POLICY

(Appendix J)

15. TOWN CLERK UPDATE

- a) To receive update from Town Clerk.

(Appendix K)

- b) To consider a report from the Clerk on forward planning for possible asset transfer

(Appendix L)

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

17. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan.
b) To review and consider submitting comments on the following planning application for Chestnut Meadow Camping & Caravan Park.

[Rother | Rother Council Online | Application | 262670](#)

- c) To review and consider submitting comments on the following planning application for Bexhill Enterprise Park.

[Rother | Rother Council Online | Application | 262678](#)

18. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON

- a) To receive report on License for the Public Toilets as per the 28th January 2026 Full Council resolution for delegated authority to the Deputy Clerk regarding documentation and licences for the Public Conveniences.

(Appendix M)

19. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

- a) To receive updates from external representatives.

20. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Cllr Peters

Motion: Preserving Local Decision-Making and Community Representation

This Council recognises that Town and Parish Councils have traditionally operated differently from national and larger principal authorities, with members often working collectively on local issues that directly affect residents regardless of political affiliation.

This Council further recognises that local government reforms, devolution and wider political changes may increasingly encourage party-political structures at the Town Council level.

While members are fully entitled to hold and declare political affiliations where they choose, this Council believes decisions affecting local communities should continue to be driven primarily by local evidence, residential needs and community benefit rather than national party-political positions.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- i. Reaffirm its commitment to local decision-making and community-led priorities
- ii. Encourage members, when acting as Town Councillors, to place the interests of residents and the Town at the centre of decision-making.
- iii. Support a culture of collaborative working across all members regardless of political affiliation.

- b) Cllr Plim

To consider the report 'Hidden in Plain Sight' and whether to raise concerns about these issues.

Link to the report:

[hidden-in-plain-sight-tackling-crime-on-the-uks-high-streets.pdf](#)

21. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a) Bexhill Roaming Speed Watch Group:

"It has been a real asset, in that it can identify speeders at a considerable distance, and best of all can select individual vehicles in a line of cars. We, the Bexhill Roaming Speed Watch group, are very grateful to Bexhill Town Council for purchasing this device and allowing us to use it to identify those who create a danger to others by their selfish acts. We will continue to monitor those roads where speeding is an issue and help to keep the residents of Bexhill safe."

Please see appendix N for the figures showing vehicles recorded over the last year using the Unipar SL700 Speed Detection Device.

(Appendix N)

b) Bexhill Youth and Community Centre

Please see appendix O for report on project funded by the Town Council.

The Centre Manager Commented:

"Thank you once again for the support provided by Bexhill Town Council. We are delighted with the outcomes that have been achieved and wanted to share an update on the project and the benefits it continues to deliver for both the community and local wildlife."

(Appendix O)

22. RISK REGISTER

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

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 2026

All motions for the meeting of the Full Council on the 29th July 2026 must be received by the 17th July 2026.

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:

24. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR DOMESDAY PROJECT 2026–MAY 2027

- a) To receive and consider updated version of proposal for Domesday Project 2026–May 2027.
- b) To note three-year project report.

25. TO RECEIVE UPDATED LEGAL ADVICE RELATING TO MINUTE 00426 FROM JANUARY 2026