

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 8th July 2026 at 6:00pm**

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: A Chugg, Town Clerk; L Muhilathithan, Civic Administrator;
One Videographer; 0 members of public.

00084 TO ELECT CHAIR

Cllr Plim nominated himself to be Chair of the Engagement and Communications Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Plim to become Chair of the Engagement and Communications Committee.

00085 TO ELECT VICE CHAIR

Cllr Drayson proposed deferring this item till the next meeting of the Engagement and Communications Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item till the next meeting of the Engagement and Communications Committee.

00086 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

00087 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve apologies for absence with reasons from Cllr Carroll and Cllr Winter.

00088 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

00089 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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There were none.

00090 MINUTES

To approve the following minutes:

a) Wednesday the 6th May 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meeting of Wednesday the 6th May 2026.

00091 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) To note the current budget as of the 30th June 2026. – noted.

Discussion ensued.

Cllr Plim declared an interest as Chair of the Carnival Committee.

All comments/queries were noted of to be taken back to the RFO, to provide a response via email.

00092 REGALIA

To note Cllr Plim met with Bexhill Heritage, discussed Shelter 2, the iron work was produced by Henry Young. Recall an item of our Regalia that related to Henry Young; may be worth looking at.

Cllr Wilson noted general wear and tear on the Mayor's Chain, has made the Town Clerk aware of this.

00093 BEXHILL DAY – SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026.

a) To note planning is underway. – noted.

Town Clerk gave a verbal update on planning of Bexhill Day.

Cllr Wilson noted that Bexhill Day is the same weekend as the Bexhill Art Weekender, which we have sponsored, may be able to do some joint advertising.

Cllr Plim suggested using our social media to promote our parks and gardens that are free for people to use and enjoy with their families.

00094 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LIAISON

To note communication between the Events Team and the Royal British Legion is ongoing.

00095 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND ARMISTICE DAY

To note planning is ongoing, largely the same as previous years.

Cllr Wilson requested the date for Remembrance Day and Armistice Day to be included on the agenda.

00096 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON – SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026

a) To note planning is underway. – noted.

Awaiting response regarding hiring cost and assembly of a stage for the Christmas Lights Switch-on.

00097 BEXHILL-ON-SEA CIVIC HISTORY BOOKLET

a) To receive latest version of Civic History Booklet.

To note latest version of Civic History Booklet circulated prior to the meeting.

b) To confirm next steps regarding printing and distribution of the Civic History Booklet.

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to gather further information regarding cost and timescale of printing 100 copies of the Civic History Booklet.

00098 OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENCE

a) To discuss reinstating the Town Council's 'friendship accord' with Merris, Somme, Haute-de-France, originally established by Past Mayor John Nichols.

Cllr Plim declared an interest as his grandfather's uncle fought in the First World War at Merris and his second son was called Merris.

Cllr Plim proposed forming friendship accord with the town of Merris, Somme, Haute-de-France.

It was **RESOLVED** to form friendship accord with the town of Merris, Somme, Haute-de-France.

- b) To consider request for a 'friendship accord' from the Mayor of Bayencourt, Somme, Haute-de-France.

Cllr Plim proposed entering a friendship accord with Bayencourt, Somme, Haute-de-France.

It was **RESOLVED** to enter a friendship accord with Bayencourt, Somme, Haute-de-France.

00099 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

000100 CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

000101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2026

All motions for the next meeting of the Engagement and Communications Committee on the 7th October 2026 must be received by the 25th September 2026.

The meeting closed at 18:55pm.

Date.....

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