

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
Held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**
BEXHILL-ON-SEA
On **Wednesday 14th October 2026** at **6:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Huseyin, Cllr Peters, Cllr Timpe, Cllr Wilson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: M Webber, RFO; L Muhilathithan, Council Administrator; One Videographer; 3 Members of public.

00205 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One Member of public, surprised at attendance, here to support the application for the Health Walk. I think it is a good business case, and I would like to think the Councillors will vote it through. Brings a lot of benefit to the Town and you're all welcome to attend some of our future events. Thank you.

00206 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies for absence with reason from Cllr Byrne, Cllr Drayson, Cllr El and Cllr Winter.

00207 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

00208 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

00209 MINUTES

To approve the following minutes:

a) Wednesday the 15th July 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday the 15th July 2026.

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00210 GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- a) To receive bank reconciliation at the end of Quarter 2. – 30.9.2026. – **Received.**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation at the end of Quarter 2.

- b) To consider budget position including variance report.

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget position including variance report.

- c) To receive payment listing as of July – September 2026. – **Received.**
- I. July – £134,790.98
 - II. August – £208,107.11
 - III. September – £680,391.72

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment listing as of July – September 2026.

- d) To receive balance sheet, including ear-marked reserves as of 30th September 2026. – **Received.**

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the balance sheet, including ear-marked reserves as of 30th September 2026.

00211 CORPORATE CARD PAYMENT LISTING AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2026

- a) To receive Corporate Card payment listing. – **Received.**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Corporate Card payment listing from August to September 2026.

00212 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

- a) To consider approving updated Grants and Donations Policy.

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the updated Grants and Donations Policy.

- b) To consider grants as per Appendix H.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following Grant applications:

Bexhill & Hastings Wellbeing Walks – £500.

Summerhill Allotment Association Ltd – £250.

Bexhill Family Collective CIC – £1,000.

Cllr Wilson is abstaining from voting on the Bexhill Breathers Grant application due to a future potential interest.

Bexhill Breathers – £480.

Romanian Intangible Cultural Heritage Hub CIC – £500.

Bexhill Museum – £4,000.

00213 INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW

- a) To review Investment Policy – (amendments in red).

Cllr Wilson proposed motion to approve the Investment Policy.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Investment Policy.

00214 HALF YEAR BUDGET VIREMENTS

- a) To review and agree the budget virements 2026–2027.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the budget virements 2026–2027.

00215 BUDGET PREDICTIONS 2027–2028

- a) To note the first draft budget 2027–2028. – **Noted.**

Discussion ensued.

Cllr Wilson proposed increasing the Councillor training budget from £2,000 to £4,000.

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Councillor training budget from £2,000 to £4,000.

The Committee discussed the possibility of seeking alternative solutions for verge cutting in the Town.

Cllr Wilson proposed that this Committee recommend to the Amenities Committee that the future asset fund should be merged with the General Reserves.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Amenities Committee that the future asset fund should be merged with the General Reserves.

00216 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

There were none.

00217 MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

00218 CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There were none.

00219 RISK REGISTER

- a) To consider any new risks for future mitigation.

There were none.

00220 OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL INTERNAL CONTROL TASKS OF THE COUNCIL

January	Submit Precept to Rother District Council
February	Review Standing Orders/Financial Regs and policies for Full Council AGM, obtain three quotes for insurance policy renewal
March	Review annual financial risk assessment
April	Complete year end accounts and AGAR, produce annual report, insurance policy renews,

May	AGM, adoption of policies, internal audit, review asset register
June	Approval of AGAR, review internal controls, complete internal audit
July	Electors rights period, Annual VAT return
August	RFO to begin budget drafting
September	Committees prepare budget forecasts, F&GP review salary budgets
October	Committees prepare budget forecasts
November	F&A review committee forecasts and prepare budget for full council review
December	Full council approve annual budget

00221 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13th JANUARY 2027

All motions for the next meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee on the 13th January 2027 must be received by the 1st January 2027.

The meeting was closed at 19:24pm.

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