

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Held in the **BEXHILL SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB, EVERSLEY ROAD,**

BEXHILL-ON-SEA

On **Wednesday 26th August 2026** at **6:00pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Beeney, Cllr Byrne, Cllr Carroll, Cllr El, Cllr Goss, Cllr Jacklin, Cllr Lee, Cllr Peters, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Timpe, Cllr Wilson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: A Chugg, Town Clerk; L Muhilathithan, Civic Admin; M Webber, RFO; One Videographer; 6 members of public.

00138 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Founder and Chairman of Bexhill Maritime, focusing on phase two of the project. Bexhill Maritime is seeking support from the Town Council by way of granting a lease for a portion of the lower Galley Hill car park for the temporary phase 2 of the project. This will enable us to transport the Royal Sovereign Lighthouse Lantern Tower. We could also then install a small Visitor Centre Cabin, which we would seek corporate sponsorship for. It would be completely independent from Bexhill Sea Angling Club. Costs for phase two is achievable through small grants, fundraising, sponsorship and donations. Delivery of this phase could happen quickly depending on proactivity of legals, surveys, planning and highways permissions for transporting the tower.

Vice Chair of Bexhill Maritime, emphasise significance of phase two of the project. If we can get the land, the Lighthouse will be on the sea front. Bexhill Maritime is about a Maritime Centre and all the stuff that chimes with climate awareness and change. Emotional impact of Bexhill Maritime is that Lantern Tower. That is what Bexhill, Eastbourne and Hastings people remember, that is what gives us our public face. If we can get that there, it will enable us to raise money quicker, so we can renovate it and then move on to the other stages.

00139 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

00140 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllr Byrne declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council.
Cllr Timpe declared an interest as a member of Rother District Council and Town Council representative for Bexhill Maritime.

00141 MOTIONS

a) Cllr Huseyin

- I. For the Sidley Hub to become the Mayors Charity.

It was **RESOLVED** for Sidley Hub to become the Mayors Charity.

- II. For the Council to agree to having a Mayors Ball on the recommended date of the 24th April 2027, subject to available venues and advice from the Events Manager; cost to be agreed in September.

It was **RESOLVED** to have a Mayors Ball on 24th April 2027, subject to venues and advice from Events Manager.

Cllr Peters announced, that in line with Standing Order 4a, item 6 will be discussed next, and item 5 will be moved to confidential due to the nature of the discussion.

00142 TO CONSIDER HIRING A TEMPORARY PROJECT MANAGER FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD (PREVIOUSLY ITEM 6)

a) To receive report. – report received.

Discussion ensued.

Cllr Lee left the meeting at 18:30pm.

Cllr Lee entered the meeting at 18:32pm.

Town Clerk, from feedback, proposed the following amendments: an additional post (title to reflect concentrating on asset transfer), with the removal of section 3 of the report, for an initial 12-month period.

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It was **RESOLVED** to seek an additional post (title to reflect concentrating on asset transfer), with the removal of section 3 of the report, for an initial 12-month period.

Motion proposed to exclude the public from discussion on items 5, 7 and 8 due to the confidential nature of the discussion.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from discussion on items 5, 7, and 8 due to the confidential nature of the discussion.

The meeting was closed to the public at 18:34pm.

00143 TO CONSIDER TRANSFER OF LOWER GALLEY HILL CAR PARK TO BEXHILL MARITIME (PREVIOUSLY ITEM 5)

This Item was re-visited at 18:34pm.

Cllr Peters proposed amendment, subject to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council agreeing to take on responsibility for Galley Hill Lower Car Park, the Council is willing to offer an appropriate lease to Bexhill Maritime.

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED**, subject to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council agreeing to take on responsibility for Galley Hill Lower Car Park, the Council is willing to offer an appropriate lease to Bexhill Maritime.

00144 TO RECEIVE DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS FOR COODEN SEA ROAD FORMER PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND BUS STOP

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED** to not approve the draft Heads of Terms for Cooden Sea Road Public Conveniences.

00145 TO RECEIVE DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS FOR TAKING OWNERSHIP OF FOUNTAINS

- a) To consider approving the draft Heads of Terms for taking on the ownership and maintenance of the Fountains once they been restored.

Discussion ensued.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft Heads of Terms for taking on the ownership and maintenance of the Fountains once they been restored.

The Meeting closed at 19:41pm.

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