

BEXHILL HERITAGE

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held **7pm ON WEDNESDAY 10TH April 2019**

Friends Meeting House, Albert Road, Bexhill on Sea

Raymond Konyn took the chair

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from: Dru Trumasteur; Christine Wilson; Tony Lee; Christine Madley; Paul Wright; Heather Morrey; Val Hunnisett; Hazel Timpa; Amanda Dowsett.

There were 31 members in attendance together with one non-member. The names of those attending are recorded in the attendance list.

2. Declaration of Interests:

Raymond Konyn declared an interest as a Trustee of the Bexhill Old Town Preservation Society

3. Report by the chair.

The chair gave a verbal report on the activities of the society for the previous year. He stated that Bexhill Heritage had been exceedingly busy on many fronts over the previous 12 months as follows:

Projects:

The following projects had been successfully completed:-

The West Station Clock
Methodist Church Tower Lighting
Repair of the Youth Centre Clock
Heritage Guardian Awards

The following projects were in hand:-

Pages Gap Plaque
Max Faulkner Plaque
West Parade (Edward VII Coronation) Clock

Thanks must be given to Simon Allen and his team for their success with the above.

Local List – Registration of Assets.

Reports to Rother District Council:

Reports on the following matters have been submitted to Rother District Council to assist in the consideration of applications or proposals brought forward by the Council:-

DASA Local Plans
West Parade Clock Tower
Memorial Bus Shelter, De La Warr Road
East Parade Shelters
Cemetery Lodge,
Public Realm
Proposed Recreation Centre/Hotel/Housing redevelopment site and the Bexhill Drill Hall
[Including provision of an alternative scheme proposal]
Building Preservation Notice Requests in respect of:
Beulah Baptist Church – subject of a demolition notice to RDC
Down Cottage, Collington Lane East

Comments on applications to Rother District Council:

Sea Angling Club, East Parade
Clavering Walk Housing Project
Spindlewood Housing Project
Victoria Hall
Moleynes Mead, Ellerslie Lane development

Request to candidates & political parties for information on their heritage policies posted on website.

Relationship with Rother District Council

The Chairman reported that it has always been the intention of Bexhill Heritage to build a positive and good working relationship with Rother District Council.

Progress has been made with some Council Officers and Members. However this remains an important, if uphill, task. Bexhill Heritage has been able to secure meetings with officers and members on significant issues such as the Drill Hall, which is some progress.

SWOT Analysis:

The Chairman explained that time was of the essence and a full report on the SWAT Analysis would have to await another meeting. However he wanted to draw to the attention of members the biggest 'threat' was Planning, which was coming to dominate much of the activities of the Committee.

The Chairman wished to take this opportunity to thank David Beales for his sterling work in handling the planning issues on behalf of Bexhill Heritage.

Direction:

The Chairman advised that in his opinion the direction being taken by Bexhill Heritage was the right one. This has been as a result of the quality of the committee and the professionalism therein.

He had to point out that extra support and help is needed for the following:

Events,
Local List,
Planning,
Projects,
Refreshment Team.

...and finally, thanks.

The chairman advised that Emily Leach as a Trustee and Tony Teehan as Secretary were standing down at this AGM and replacements were needed for these posts. The chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of the committee and Bexhill Heritage for all the work that they have done.

4. Governance

At this point in the meeting Steve Johnson, Vice Chairman, took over from the Chairman.

Constitution:

The Vice Chairman advised the meeting that a copy of the Constitution had been included in their document pack provided before the meeting and asked if any member had a matter relating to the Constitution which they wish to be raise.

There were no matters relating to the Constitution.

The Vice Chairman advised the meeting that there were Committee Posts which remained unfilled as follows:

Media/Marketing Officer; Events Manager; Assistant Treasurer.

Election of Trustees

The Vice Chairman advised the meeting that the notice that the term of office of Steve Johnson ended at the AGM was incorrect and should be ignored.

A new Trustee was required to replace Emily Leach who was standing down. The Vice Chairman invited nominations form the floor of the meeting but none were forthcoming.

The Vice Chairman therefore nominated Simon Allen as a Trustee, which was seconded by Alex Markwick. The nomination was approved by the members present.

Election of Committee

The Vice Chairman invited the meeting to nominate candidates for the Committee but no nominations were forthcoming.

The Vice Chairman asked that the meeting approve the following members for committee posts as follows:

Chairman	Raymond Konyon
Vice Chairman	Steve Johnson
Minute-taker	Amanda Dowsett
Treasurer	Steve Johnson
Media/Marketing	<i>Vacancy</i>
Planning Officer	David Beales
IT Support	Alex Markwick
Project Co-ordinator	Simon Allen
Public Educ./Events	<i>Vacancy</i>
Consultant Surveyor	Tony Lightly

Non-committee post:
Museum Liaison David Hatherell

5. Finances:

The Treasurer presented a spreadsheet of the Income/Expenditure over the period 2018/2019 and explained the detail. In particular he drew attention to the gross income exceeding £5000, which would ordinarily have required registration with the Charity Commission. However this included £493 income brought forward from 2017/2018 and therefore income was below the threshold. The income was also enhanced by a grant from Bexhill 100 for £2000, which could not be expected to be repeated.

The meeting approved the accounts as presented, subject to 'audit'.

6. Any Other Business

There being no other business notified to the meeting the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.35