

BEXHILL HERITAGE EXTRAORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING EAST PARADE SHELTERS

MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019

ATTENDEES: Raymond Konyn (Chair) (RK), Simon Allen (SA), David Beales (DB), Steve Johnson (SJ), Alexis Markwick (AM), Anthony Lightly (AL), Tony Teehan (TT)

1. APOLOGIES: Emily Leach

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF BEXHILL HERITAGE EAST PARADE SHELTERS WORKING GROUP

It was agreed that the establishment of a working group would be premature and this was put on hold indefinitely.

3. CREATION OF BEXHILL HERITAGE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE EAST PARADE SHELTERS

The Meeting was asked to consider if Bexhill Heritage should take matters forward as there were no other realistic options on the table. It was suggested that Bexhill Heritage could renovate them one at a time, with funding being provided through collections, crowdfunding, sponsorships etc. However, this would be a colossal undertaking for an organisation the size of and with the resources of Bexhill Heritage. It would also create an ongoing maintenance liability.

During discussions a consensus emerged that due to the scale there was a real danger that failure of such a large and high profile project could prove fatal for Bexhill Heritage. It is not the roll of Bexhill Heritage to undertake work that RDC should rightfully be doing. Bexhill Heritage's roll was to continue to encourage RDC to undertake the necessary works to protect these valuable heritage assets.

We would offer to work with RDC on creating bids for funding opportunities. It was agreed to propose a meeting with RDC and Cllr Maynard to explore possibilities, but given the proximity of the forthcoming local elections it might be best to wait until after May to give the incoming Administration sufficient opportunity to clarify their priorities. It was also agreed that the Committee should inform members of the current factual position and emphasise that action rests with RDC