

BEXHILL HERITAGE

Notes of the meeting held

7 PM 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

The Old Town Preservation Society meeting room, Trafalgar House, 8 High Street, Bexhill Old Town, TN40 2HA

Attendees;

Raymond Konyn (Chair) Ian Hollidge; Nick Hollington; Steve Johnson; Emily Leach; Paul Lendon; Alexis Markwick; Gina Sanderson; Dorothy Smith; Simon Read

Apologies: Dr. Paul Wright; Cllr. Stuart Earl

Item		Actions
	<p>Brief introductions</p> <p><i>Raymond Koyn</i>; career in design and conservation, a co-founder of the group following two recent controversial planning applications within the Bexhill conservation area.</p> <p><i>Emily Leach</i>; career in the heritage sector especially museum and learning. Lived in town 2.5 years. Along with Raymond motivated to start the group following these planning applications to demolish two significant buildings.</p> <p><i>Steve Johnson</i>; career in education, business administration and politics experience in the charitable sector, working on developing a constitution for BHS.</p> <p><i>Alexis Marwick</i>; Lived in Town a few years and has long term connections here. Is a web developer and cartography, runs open source mapping project & website for Bexhill</p> <p><i>Simon Read</i>; Career in local government in the environment and recycling sectors. Been chair of a parish council in Hampshire. Lived in Bexhill 2.5 years.</p> <p><i>Dorothy Smith</i>; Chair of BOTPS, supportive of new heritage initiative and trustee of other charitable groups in the town.</p> <p><i>Gina Sanderson</i>; Chief Operations Manager at Rother Voluntary Action</p> <p>Personal interest in history and heritage and experience of leading HLF projects in Rye</p> <p><i>Nick Hollington</i>;</p> <p>Worked in education and tourism. Has led local environmental campaigns and a founder of the Bexhill Environmental Group.</p>	

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	<p><i>Paul Lendon;</i> Ex Rother councillor and Charter Trustee. Many connections in the town and locality, keen to support new initiatives</p> <p><i>Cllr Ian Hollidge;</i> Present as a Rother District Council (RDC) cabinet member and member of the Town Centre Steering Group.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes Emily agreed to take notes of the meeting, but would be unable to do so on a regular basis.</p>	Volunteer needed to take notes at next meeting.
5	<p>Group Name It was agreed to adopt the name Bexhill Heritage A strap line could be used to further define the group and over time this could change if needed.</p>	<p>The name Bexhill Heritage to be used from now onwards.</p> <p>Ideas for the strapline welcome for next meeting</p>
6	<p>Town Centre Steering Group Feedback from an earlier meeting – (morning 7th September) RK presented constitution and plans for the start of the group to the Town Centre Steering Group (TCSG).</p> <p>Cllr Hollidge reported this was very well received and that the TCSG would be very interested to explore further ideas for collaborative projects. Ian would stay in touch and come back when he had further information of the kind of projects the TCSG have in mind.</p>	
7	<p>Aims and Constitution. SJ had previously circulated draft 6 of the constitution document. The following changes and actions were discussed and agreed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to become a ‘small charity’ at this stage with the aim of becoming an incorporated charitable company, CIO, as soon as practical. The wording of the constitution will reflect this. • Up to 10 trustees can be appointed, with a rolling change of three trustees each year. • Chair can only serve two consecutive terms – but can stay a board member. • Trustee insurance will be obtained. 	<p>SJ to update the draft document and finalise for circulation.</p> <p>Trustee insurance to be obtained <i>by Whom</i></p>

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8	<p>Base and office for Bexhill Heritage Paul Lendon in touch with Southern Railways, he agreed to discuss the possibility of using the small retail unit currently vacant at the station.</p> <p>This location may not be affordable in the long term, so a more permanent solution will be required for a permanent office and base to meet the public and hold meetings.</p> <p>Paul has a wealth of knowledge and connections in the town, he is best placed to 'keep his ear to the ground' in terms of affordable realistic spaces. In the meantime BOTPS was willing to be a postal address for general correspondence.</p> <p>A date for a public launch of the group was also discussed but it was agreed that this should wait until more of the building blocks are in place; constitution, office base, more solid programme and committee structure.</p>	<p>Nick Hollington to go with Paul to meet Southern on the 25th September.</p> <p>Paul Lendon to consider other possibilities and report back to next and other meetings.</p>
9	<p>Membership The following were agreed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership to under (16s or 18s ? would be free • Renewals would be annual not as they became due, those joining 4 or 5months before end of year get that 'end of year' free. • RVS could apply for DBS checks for trustees or anyone involved in the junior branch, free to our organisation. • An application that is Data Protection Act compliant to be developed in order to allow a membership and mailing list to be developed. • Steve Johnson agreed to take responsibility for membership on the committee 	<p>Action; Steve Johnson</p>
10	<p>Fundraising Immediate fund raising required for set up materials. Raymond has two leads, 'Building Stronger Communities' and 'Tesco Bags of Help'. Each requires the constitution document to be agreed before continuing.</p> <p>Museum may have some post cards and prints that it can be bought for merchandising. EL to follow up</p>	<p>Raymond to follow up Tesco Bags of Help</p> <p>Emily to follow up architectural post cards.</p>

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11	<p>Projects RDC will come back to Raymond with proposals for possible projects. Paul Wright looking into a blue plaque scheme.</p>	Raymond/Cllr Hollidge to report back to next meeting
12	<p>Publicity Alexis to look into setting up a Bexhill Heritage website which could include a joining facility and on-line donation. Alexis developing a clock tower logo.</p>	Alexis to report back to next meeting
13	<p>Structure Committee roles and patrons were briefly discussed although the meeting was coming to an end. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime all present agreed that each committee member and adviser to provide a resumé about themselves for internal reference only and not for external circulation.</p>	All committee members and advisers to provide a resumé
14	<p>Everyone present gave their permission for their email to be used for the purposes of a committee circulation list.</p> <p>Meeting ended 9.15 pm</p>	
	<p>Next meeting 7 pm Thursday 19th October BOTPS office, 8 High Street, Bexhill</p> <p>Amended shortly afterwards to:</p> <p>7pm Wednesday 18th October Traffers Bar (upstairs meeting room), 19 Egerton Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3HJ</p>	