

BEXHILL HERITAGE

Members Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 7pm ON WEDNESDAY 26th June 2019

Friends Meeting House, Albert Road, Bexhill on Sea TH40 1DG

Raymond Konyn took the chair

1. **Welcome, Fire precautions and apologies (Raymond Konyn):** Apologies were received from: BH Treasurer Steve Johnson; Jan Marner; Cllr. Brian Drayson; Rachel Hills; Brian Comber; Dr Paul Wright; Val Hunnisett; Tony Lightly; Joan Harding; Nick Hollington

RK announced the timetable of the meeting and that non-members would not be permitted to vote in the event of a members vote taking place.

2. **Talk / overview of past; present and future projects (Simon Allen):** Projects co-ordinator SA gave a very interesting and detailed talk with slide show. Emphasis was made on the urgency of ventilating the Clock Tower on West Parade.
3. **Matters arising from the AGM 10th April 2019:** There were no Matters Arising from the AGM 10th April 2019 meeting and RK signed off the minutes as a true record of proceedings.
4. **Planning and Development (David Beales):** DB augmented SA's report on the Sainsbury Buckhurst Place wall plaques by describing how they originated when the store was being planned in 1974. Emily Leach requested that this is part of the story and needs to be recorded. He then talked about the BH involvement in the application for changes to Di Paolo's premises on Marina and the successful heritage outcome.
Finally he described the use of high authenticity upvc windows at 11 Marina, following a refusal of permission for average quality replacements, and the importance of detailing. The need to adhere to wood on listed buildings was reiterated.
5. **Events (Raymond Konyn):** RK described the success of the three events held so far, (Bexhill 100 Easter Bonnet Display; Anglo Continental Market and Bexhill 100 classic car display). He explained how the pop-up display in the first bandstand shelter on the sea front is ideal, and the effectiveness of the events team's efforts, influencing growing member numbers now 285. He ran through the list of events to follow which include two Bexhill 100 seafront displays; Great Gatsby; Festival of the Sea and Anglo Continental Market. He made a call for assistance from members who would like to help the events team.
6. **Website development progress (Alexis Markwick):** AM provided details on significant updates to the website. RK concluded by thanking AM for the considerable effort in making this such a valuable community resource gratis.

7. **Any other business:** None
8. **Announcements (Raymond Konyn):** A call for assistance with the refreshments team; committee members and particularly a BH Secretary with organizational skills.
Date of next members meeting: Wednesday 28th August 2019, 7pm at The Friends Meeting House.
9. **Refreshments break.**
10. **Talk and slide presentation on The Local List (Emily Leach):** A very detailed overview of the early stages progress with this very important work which document heritage assets. EL explained with clarity the template recognised by Historic England, and appealed for assistance from members as she will no longer be in a position to lead on this project.
11. **Questions & Answers session:** John Gardener identified the garage at Sackville Road and the link to jet engines. David Dickens added a comment about the Ibex building – Martini Café. Non-member Peter Scott raised a question about the use of UPVC window frames. Juley Ross raised a question about the development of 17 Dorset Road South. Andrew Crotty raised a question about planning applications for changes to shop doors. DB explained the planning process. David Hatherell brought attention to a convalescence home. Non-member Peter Scott raised a question about retail stores and building preservation. Coralie Jones enquired about Beulah Baptist Church demolition application. RK asked if anyone had any suggestions for possible sponsors for the Civic Pride Award which would be launched later this year.
12. **The meeting was closed** with a round of applause for the hard-working refreshments team.