

## **Bexhill Heritage**

### **Minutes of Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

#### **Attendees**

Membership

#### **1. Apologies**

Steve Johnson; Drusilla Tramaseur; Justin Allen; Margaret Garcia; Carol Thomas; Dr Paul Wright

#### **2. Declaration of interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **3. Approval of minutes for the April AGM**

These were approved with no change.

#### **4. Chairman's report**

92 members to-date.

East Parade shelters – progressing well with RDC. Structural report and specifications written in preparation for funding bid.

Coastal Revival Fund - explanation of funding opportunity, but BH would be unable to prepare an application within the deadlines. Likely successful bid might be the Landgate project at Rye who were prepared. Lesson learned is that we should have projects and application prepared well in advance of future funding opportunities.

BH voted as one of donation recipient charities of Bexhill 100 to be presented September.

Civic Pride Award - deferred until Autumn – still seeking sponsor.

Conservation architect agreed to provide advice but would be chargeable, so we are still seeking a volunteer consultant conservation architect.

Memorial Bus shelter De La Warr Road -progressing. Positive meeting with RDC who were very impressed with Anthony Lightly's detailed estimate of costs. Currently seeking funding.

Sea Angling Club development project – Considering the prime location, BH feels that RDC has come up with a disappointing mediocre design and seeks engagement to promote a worthy destination point with a quality building.

Spindlewood development – Objection letters have been submitted and a further objection letter to be submitted shortly.

Egerton Road Hotel – planning application refused again by RDC planning.

11, Marina, Lancaster Ct, Flat 1 - UPVC windows in a conservation area – objection letter submitted.

Bexhill Museum Information Point – Trustees met with the chairman and await board proposal decision.

Trustees & committee intend to set up a meeting to understand more the Town Centre Strategy document, and how it aligns to the RDC planning & policy documents, and the 'Towards a plan for Bexhill Town Centre' document.

Local List – Working Group have met several times and are making progress with forming a strategic plan.

Request for partnering with the Town Forum & Hanoverian Society still pending board decisions.

BH now has a pop-up gazebo. 1<sup>st</sup> use will be the 1066 Bexhill Cycle Festival 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Pop-up information point successfully trialled on East Parade, further pop-ups planned.

Charter Trustees Award presented. A huge vote of confidence from councillors.  
Strategic planning for remainder of year was read out.

**5. Calls for assistance**

- Given that we have an excellent kitchen in our new venue, a teas & coffee team was called for our future members meetings, and immediately 5 hands went up, so next members meeting we will have refreshments available.
- Assistance required from members to represent BH at outdoor gazebo events throughout the summer. Any member who would like to participate, please contact.
- Assistance required with instant pop-up information points throughout the summer. Any member who would like to participate, please contact.
- We have committee member resignations due to health issues, and any member who feels that they may wish fill the gaps would be welcome to contact us.

**6. West Station Clock Update**

A detailed report on progress was provided by Simon Allen, the project co-ordinator. He explained the various technical issues mostly now overcome, and that all is progressing well, and plans for the official re-start at 3pm on Sussex Day on 16<sup>th</sup> June are all in place.

**7. GUIDED WALKS**

Alexis Markwick, trustee updated us on the 'Clock Stories for Sussex Day' walk and his latest research on Bexhill's heritage assets. Specifically discussing the disused Northeye Campus which was HMP Northeye from 1969-1992 and an RAF base before that. Since the closure of the prison it has been owned by the UAE and currently up for sale, as of yet a buyer has not been found and there may be future housing developments on its recreation ground.

**8. A.O.B.**

RK explained that one of our committee members, Dr Paul Wright, our Member Representative unfortunately has to resign on health issue grounds.  
Everyone agreed that the new venue at the Friends Meeting House, 15A Albert Road is a big improvement and provides an easy access environment, and that we would be happy to return on a regular basis.

**9. Date of next meeting**

**MONDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018, 7pm, FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, 15A ALBERT ROAD, BEXHILL**

**These minutes form a true and accurate record of the meeting of Bexhill Heritage on 4<sup>TH</sup> June, 2018.**

Signed .....

Raymond Konyn, Chairman