

BEXHILL HERITAGE TRUSTEES
Minutes of meeting
MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2023

1. IN ATTENDANCE

All trustees attended. (Simon Allen, Steve Johnson, Alexis Markwick)

2. Matters arising from the meeting on 24th October

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

a. Examination of the 2021/22 accounts

The treasurer reported that the examiner approved by the trustees had conducted a thorough analysis of the accounts and found them to be satisfactory. It was agreed that the report should be made available to members via the charity's website. (Action AM)

b. Committee roles and responsibilities

The chairman reported that he had held informal discussions with two committee members about their role and how that role was being performed. He reported that he was satisfied with the outcome of those discussions. Each committee member had expressed their wish to carry on with their responsibilities. It was agreed to monitor progress and offer support as required. (ACTION SJ)

c. The chairman reported that there was still no definite news from the District Council about progress on the Bandstand lease except that one senior officer had promised to 'chase' the legal department who have responsibility for the matter. It was agreed that the chairman should write to the Chief Executive expressing disappointment and concern. (Action SJ)

2. To consider the outcomes of and future action with reference to the charity's domain name.

It was agreed to retain and maintain the charity's new domain name – bexhillheritage.com. It was agreed that membership leaflets and business cards would be reprinted accordingly. (Action AM)

Ownership of the original domain name should be contested, and it was agreed that trustees should use the channels open to them to establish ownership.

Trustees agreed that any unauthorised use of the charity's original domain name or any other domain name using the term 'Bexhill Heritage' would be a breach of the charity's legal rights and would be contested.

3. Events, projects and actions for 2023

Trustees agreed that our priorities for the year should be:

- A. Complete the Bandstand project, run a successful opening weekend and consolidate the online booking system. (SJ AM)
- B. Complete the K6 phone project (SA)
- C. De La Warr Road bus shelter (SJ)
- D. RNLI collection box repaint (AM to follow up with Paul Wright)

4. Speakers and venues for members' meetings

The chairman had been approached by Barnabas Futures. They were ready to discuss plans for the future of the church and associated buildings / land. They had suggested that a Bexhill Heritage meeting would be a perfect forum at which to present options. A meeting on Thursday 23rd February at 2pm was suggested. This date and time were relatively fixed due to the commitments of the speakers.

Trustees agreed to support this idea. The chair agreed to contact members to give them adequate notice of the change of time and date (7pm on 9th Feb. to 2pm on 23rd Feb.

It was agreed that the chair should approach the editor of the Bexhill News and the mayor as subsequent speakers. A speaker playing the role of a famous historical character was also suggested.

5. There was no other business.