

BEXHILL HERITAGE TRUSTEES

Minutes of extraordinary meeting

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Simon Allen, Steve Johnson, Alexis Markwick, Clive O'Brien, Yvonne Menzies

2. Shelter 2 renovation opportunity

SJ outlined the latest position on Shelter 2 as follows:

- The Neighbourhood Board had identified the restoration and repurposing of Shelter 2 as an important element of East Parade's regeneration.
- SJ and Jeff Webb had held a preliminary meeting had been held with representatives of Playfoot Engineering to discuss ways in which ironwork could be removed, sandblasted or recast and replaced. This could be achieved but the making of new 'pattens' for the recasting would be expensive. However, the pattens, once made, could be reused for all the castings required.
- Playfoot Engineering had estimated that a complete renovation could cost as much as £280,000
- Representatives of the Neighbourhood Board had identified up to £30,000 for 'phase 1' of the works outlined in SJ's paper circulated prior to the meeting i.e. removing sections of ironwork from the most corroded sections for recasting with a 'mix' appropriate for a coastal environment.
- The deadline for spending this sum would be 26th March 2026.
- The remaining work would be supported by Neighbourhood Board grant £125,000.
- Bexhill Heritage would need to raise remaining funds (up to £125,000).
- Bexhill Heritage would take responsibility for inviting tenders using a template to be provided by RDC.
- Tenderers would need to comply with the usual local government requirements.
- The Shelter would be closed to the public and fenced in January 2026.

Following a discussion, it was agreed unanimously that Bexhill Heritage should go ahead on the basis described by SJ.

It was also agreed that:

SA would find the latest contact details for Henry Young engineers who constructed the shelter and were still in business.

AM would carry out further research on construction.

SJ and SA would meet on site to check the design of the iron frame.

COB agreed to become a member of a fundraising committee for the project.

3. Bank account agreement and transfer latest

COB updated trustees on the bank account transfer which was now at an advanced stage following frustrating delays. The process had been compromised by inefficiencies at the bank. The bank had offered compensation of £150 following a formal complaint by COB. This had been accepted. COB was thanked and congratulated for his management of the situation.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm