APPROVED: Chair	DATED:16 September 2025

OPEN MINUTES OF CORPORATION MEETING
Monday 7 July 2025 at 17.30

Bexhill 6th Form College

Present:
John Stebbing (Chair)
Michael Beard
Debbie Cole (Staff Governor)
Stephen France
Mike Groves
Karen Hucker (Principal)
Linda Johnson
David Kelly
Dave Padmore
Veronique Pullen
Sam Rhodes
Mpanji Simfukwe

In Attendance:
Dave Brown (VP)
Elisabeth Lawrence (VP)
Natalie Perry (DoF)

Minutes: Jo Pentland (Clerk to the Corporation)

Apologies: Teo Mewett (Student Governor)

STANDING ITEMS

NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No new Declarations of Interests were made in respect of items on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Open Minutes of the Corporation meeting held on 2 April 2025 were agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There was none.

MAIN AGENDA .

PART A PUBLIC ITEMS

1.APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR 2025/26

David Kelly proposed and Dave Padmore seconded the re-appointment of John Stebbing as Chair and John Stebbing proposed and Dave Padmore seconded the re-appointment of David Kelly as Vice-Chair.

Resolved: By a show of hands the meeting unanimously appointed John Stebbing as Chair and David Kelly as Vice-Chair for 2025-26.

2.STUDENT REPORT

The Principal referred to the report provided by the Student Governor of activities that the student council had been involved with over the academic year which included various fundraising activities; raising awareness events; production of half-termly episodes on Bexhill College TV to advise students of upcoming charity events and other student activities; and the promotion of the annual Summer Fair.

3.BRIEFING ON SAFEGUARDING

The link Governor provided a comprehensive summary of key issues that had been considered at a recent Safety meeting held on 2 June 2025.

(Confidential note)

4. COMMITTEE OPEN MINUTES – OPEN ITEMS FOR CORPORATION NOTING

The Open minutes from the Committee meetings held since the last Corporation meeting were noted. There were no further questions.

a. Search Committee – 3 June 2025
b. Strategic Planning, Policy and Quality Assurance – 9 June 2025
c. Finance, Property, and Resources – 16 June 2025

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ITEMS – OPEN ITEMS FOR CORPORATION APPROVAL

There were no items for Corporation approval.

6. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS FOR 2024/25

The Clerk confirmed that each committee annually reviewed its performance against its terms of reference. All committees were working well, covering its responsibilities effectively, and member attendance was excellent. That was noted by the Corporation.

The Corporation also considered the proposed current Committee structure and membership for 2025/26 and that was approved.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Corporation was Monday 13 October at 17.30