



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Scala Hall, Brixham Town Hall; 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Addison, R Clarke, V Campbell, D Giles, J Stockman, J Stock, J Regan, J Wilbraham.

**Attending:** Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, Cllr R Haddock, V Ellery & and 14 members of the public.

A minute's silence was held for all the recent loss of lives following the terrorist attacks, Grenfell Tower and one closer to home.

A member of the public addressed a Torbay Councillor regarding a recent bye-law put in place on The Quay, to which Cllr. Ellery was able to provide an answer.

Cllr V Ellery addressed members regarding the possibility of twinning with New Bedford Massachusetts USA. There are a lot of similarities between both ports including the recent erection of a statue, the types of fish caught, the size of the town and tourism.

**17081. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.**

Apologies were received from Cllr I Carr, plus Torbay Ward Councillor T Manning.

**17082. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.**

None.

**17083. To consider any requests for dispensation.**

None.

**17084. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 11.05.17.**

The minutes of 11.05.17 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record.

**17085. To hear the Police Report**

PC Thomas advised that the reporting of crime has changed and this has affected how the figures are shown. The crime figures are attached to the end of this document.

Councillors and the public had an opportunity to ask questions to PC Thomas.

**17086. To present the Civic Award.**

An award was presented to Mrs Baker for the hard work and dedication that Mr Baker did on the Neighbourhood Plan who had sadly and untimely passed away in January.

**17087. To present grants cheque.**

A grant cheque was presented to Mr C Myers for £1,000 and the Friends of the Vigilance for £3,510.84.

Mr Myers and a representative from the Friends were given an opportunity to speak about their project and thanks were given to the Council for their support.

**17088. To discuss Twinning with New Bedford Massachusetts USA**

It was **resolved** to set up a working group to investigate and discuss a possible Twinning option with interested parties. The parties to include 1 x Fishing Industry, 1 x Brixham Town Council, 1 x Chamber, 1 x Brixham Future, 1 x Harbour Office.

Cllr V Ellery advised that he is prepared to continue to be the liaison.

**17089. To hear an update on the work of the Town Lengthsman**

Members were reminded that the role of the Town Lengthsman is to supplement the work of TOR2 and whilst Torbay Council have been hit with austerity measures, the Town Council is keen to ensure that Brixham remains an attractive town to visit, live and work.

The Lengthsman started on 15<sup>th</sup> May. The uptake in people contacting the Town Council has increased quickly in a short period of time with the work requests beyond what one individual person can do. It is appreciated that a number of jobs have been neglected around the town and it is hoped that once these jobs are undertaken, the Council will be able to keep on top of them in a more controlled manner.

All work that has been undertaken by the Lengthsman has resulted in positive feedback.

The Community Services Committee will be monitoring the role of the Lengthsman and the duties that he carries out.

**17090. To consider recommendations from the Evaluation Committee**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Internal Financial Controls and the Reserves Strategy.

**17091. To discuss Town Centre Car Parking Charges**

It was reported that the central car park will be reverted to a long stay after 6pm. There has been a delay in the changeover due to the car park machine software requiring an update.

At the time of the meeting it was unclear if the parking tariff would change. It has been suggested that this is likely to remain unchanged. The Town Clerk and Torbay Ward Councillors are continuing to liaise with Torbay Council to arrange for the evening charges to be introduced earlier than 10pm.

Concerns were also raised in the lack of coach car parking.

It was **resolved** that the car park should revert to night time charge from 6pm.

**17092. To hear an update from the Health Working Group**

Cllr Stockman reported the work that the working group have done to date working hard to try and set up mental health assistance in Brixham.

The next meeting of the Brixham Community Healthcare Working Group will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

It was **resolved** that the Working Group should be a group of the Town Council.

**17093. To hear a report from Shoalstone Pool Limited**

It was reported that Shoalstone Pool Limited are now a Community Interest Company (CIC). The caretaker is doing a good job. A pool clean had been done, unfortunately due to low tides the pool took a longer to fill than planned.

They have had a positive meeting with Torbay Council regarding the overflow car park and it has been agreed that there will not be a rental fee for the first 12 months.

**17094. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports**

**Cllr Ellery**

- Delighted to inform the Council that the Harbour Authority is about to start work on the pontoon and decking area in the inner harbour to allow local businesses to rent space for tables and chairs and to allow their customers to enjoy the ambience of the harbour.

**Cllr Haddock**

- No further comments to make.

Questions were raised by Brixham Councillors regarding the performance of TOR2.

**Cllr Morey**

- 26<sup>th</sup> June will be a Harbour Meeting. A report will be going to a special meeting regarding the development of the Oxen Cove / Freshwater Quarry.
- Town Centre Development recently took place. It has been **agreed** that the Torbay Officer and Town Clerk will liaise with each other and the Town Clerk will be the contact to pass the information on to interested parties.
- Torbay have started to work on budgets. There is a major deficit that needs to be addressed.
- Torbay can no longer stand alone and the Local Partnerships will be investigating options of partnership working with other local authorities.

**Cllr Stockman**

- Talked about further issues regarding performance of TOR2.
- Torbay have started to look at the biggest budget areas for Torbay within Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**17095. To present items for the next agenda.**

- Performance of TOR2
- Oxen Cove

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Chairperson .....**

**Date.....**