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BRIXHAM THEATRE CIO OFF AND RUNNING AFTER KEY HAND OVER

A new group of enthusiasts, Brixham Theatre CIO, were awarded Charitable status on May 2nd and outgoing Chair of Brixham Town Council, Councillor Rosemary Clarke, recently handed over the keys to the theatre just ahead of a highly successful launch in May which featured Brooklyn Boy, a high-quality Neil Diamond tribute act.

Commenting on the hand over Councillor Clarke said that the Council fully support the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and wish them the very best of success with the new venture.

The Council and CIO are currently in discussions about putting a Service Level Agreement (SLA) into place which will be designed to forge a close working relationship between the two organisations and will release funding to help support the theatre during the new company's 1st year of operations.

"The community supported the council's decision to provide £6,000 of funding in this year's budget and precept during consultations at the end of last year and we are delighted to be able to assist the new team and wish them well with their venture".

"Certainly, the Neil Diamond tribute event, which was well supported by the public and councillors, was a great evening and augurs well for the future", added Councillor Clarke.

As well as promoting a wide variety of music, drama, dance performance and visual arts for both local and visitor audiences, the new Brixham Theatre CIO intends to provide more opportunities for theatre use through partnership working with local schools and community groups to develop the theatre as a real community asset in the heart of the town. This will include educational workshop provision running alongside theatre and arts programmes.

The group are working hard to establish a full, exciting, varied programme for the autumn, kicked off by a Gala evening of performance on Sat 22nd September. Meanwhile, they are busy updating theatre booking systems and ensuring a transitional period with upcoming events open to the public.

- B.O.A.D.S production of the British family favorite tv sitcom Hi de Hi! Thursday 31st May – Saturday 2nd June, all performances start at 7.30pm.

- South Devon Players, 1307, a researched dramatic medieval theatrical production exploring the history of the fall of the Knights Templar, the surrounding mysteries & accusations of heresy. 22nd June 7.30pm & 23rd June 2.30pm and 7.30pm

To get in touch with the new theatre group you can, follow Brixham Theatre CIO on Facebook, Twitter, www.brixhamtheatre.uk or call the box office on 01803 415897.

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