

# To hear Brixham Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at Brixham Town Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Addison, R Clarke, M Morey, J Wilbraham and Jackie Stockman. Cllr D Giles substituted for J Regan.

**Also present:** L McGuirk, Deputy Town Clerk, and one member of the public.

**17147. To elect a Chairperson**

Cllr P Addison was nominated as Chair of this committee. All **agreed**.

**17148. To elect a Vice Chairperson**

Cllr J Stockman was nominated as Vice Chair of this committee. All **agreed**.

**17149. To accept apologies for absence.**

Cllrs J Regan and V Campbell.

**17150. To make any Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr R Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8. The declaration of interest register was available to sign.

**17151. To consider any requests for Dispensation on agenda items.**

Cllr R Clarke requested dispensation on agenda item 8. It was **resolved** to give dispensation.

**17152. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were **resolved** and signed by the Chairperson.

**17153. To agree the Committee meeting dates for 2018/19**

The Committee meeting dates for the Community Services Committee were **agreed**.

**17154. To discuss and consider the purchase and use of a Mosquito MK4 Anti-Loitering device at both Shoalstone Pool and the Town Square.**

Members discussed a request from Brixham Police PCSO Copik to consider the purchase of a Mosquito MK4 anti-loitering device. The device would be used at Shoalstone Pool and the Town Square to deter anti-social behaviour. Members were advised objections had been received from Cllr I Carr and Shoalstone Pool CIC.

Members **agreed** they would not support or fund the use of the anti-loitering device at either location. A letter should be sent to PCSO Copik outlining the concerns raised. As the Police have identified the issue what are they going to do about it? More active patrolling at key times is required. If the Police decide to proceed with the anti-loitering device they should consult with local Youth Groups.

Members discussed CCTV in the town. It was **resolved** to ask Torbay Council to confirm the (1) location of the CCTV (2) is it monitored (3) what is the quality of the images?

However, BTC would consider funding a more united activity organised between the police and local Youth groups. It was further **agreed** to invite the PCSO Copik to attend the next Community Services Committee to discuss the perceived problem and a combined approach to resolving the issue.

**17155. To hear an update on the 2018 Lanterns, Lights & 'luminations event.**

The Deputy Clerk has a met with the Christmas Lights contractor to discuss the 2018 display. Difficulties maintaining the current level of lights within the available budget. Lights have been reduced continually in recent years. The main display on the pontoon is old and damaged and requires refurbishment or replacement. This is costly due to the size and location of the display. We are waiting for quotes and options from the Contractor. Members discussed ways of raising funding. It was resolved to take the following action:

1. Set up a Crowdfund with a target.
2. Look for sponsorship.
3. Approach Brixham Theatre Community Interest Organisation (BTCIO) to see if they can assist with the repair of the Father Christmas and Sleigh pontoon display.

**17156. To hear an update on the Community Action Day**

Cllr Clarke updated members, the day had not been as successful as they had hoped. Some positives had come from the day.

**17157. To discuss the Community Flood Plan (CERT)**

Members were advised by the Deputy Clerk of concerns regarding the implementation of the flood plan following two recent requests from the Flood Group Co Ordinator and the lack of volunteers to safely carry out the plan.

The Environment Agency notify the Flood Group Co Ordinator when there is a high risk of flooding in the town. The Co Ordinator contacts BTC to request authorisation to asses the situation or take action. This enables the group to be covered under BTC insurance.

Currently there is only one active volunteer plus Cllrs Regan and Addison on the working group. The plan was produced in January 2016 and has not been updated.

Due to the need for a 24 hour contact the Clerk and Deputy Clerk are taking the office mobile home to provide out of hours cover. This is not part of their contract of employment. Members **agreed** this a matter for the Evaluation Committee and should be on the next agenda.

An article was recently placed in the Signal and on Social Media calling for volunteers, no response. It was **resolved** to hold another drop-in day to encourage members of the public to get involved. If enough volunteers are not found the viability of the future the plan will be discussed.

**17158. To discuss the issue relating to waste management during Brixham events.**

Members discussed the recent waste management issues faced by event organisers. It was noted that TOR2 are not contracted to provide enhanced waste collection during high season or large events. Members discussed the different ways in which two large community events had tackled the problem. It was **resolved** to:

1. Organise a Working Group and invite representatives from all the main Brixham events to discuss best practice during events. Also invite Torbay Council Events Team and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce to attend. Cllrs Addison and Giles will be part of the group.
2. Write to Torbay Council and request the urgent installation of Big Belly Bins.

**17159. To discuss and consider the end of WW1 Celebrations.**

New members of the committee were brought up to date with the plans so far. Cllr Clarke and Campbell will start working on the event. An invitation should be sent to BTCIO.

**17160. To hear an update on the Lengthsman and consider a request to purchase a leaf blower.**

Approval **agreed** to purchase a leaf blower. Members requested looking at new generation 54v lithium battery commercial options to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

Members were advised the SLA between Kingswear Parish Council and BTC has been signed. Both Councils are really positive about the combined working relationship. The Lengthsman is due to start this week and will work ten hours a month in Kingswear Parish.

Cllr Stockman reported an area of overgrowth on Northfields Land leading to South Furzeham Road. A request should be sent to Torbay Council to cut back the overgrowth.

**17161. To review the April 2018 Signal**

Press release should be issued for the defibrillator.

Members viewed the April Signal and made the following observations:

1. Front page too much writing and should include 2 x photographs.
2. Request for more statistical information Complaints, Compliments and Comments to enable committee to make further recommendations and gain a better understanding.

**17162. To agree to exclude members of the public and press.**

It was **resolved** Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**17163. Civic Award**

Members discussed nominations received. It was **agreed** to award the Civic Award.

**17164. To put forward items for the next agenda.**

- CERT
- Lengthsman
- Telephone box
- WW1
- Brixham Signal
- Working Group - Events
- Lanterns, Lights & 'Luminations

- Anti-Social behaviour – Police.

There being no further business Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:35pm

Chairperson..... Date.....