



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Scala Hall, Brixham Town Hall; 28th June 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs P Addison, V Campbell, I Carr, R Clarke, M Day, M Morey, J Regan, J Stock, J Stockman and J Wilbraham.

Attending: Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, and 7 members of the public.

18060. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clutterbuck and Giles. Apologies also received from Torbay Ward Councillor V Ellery.

18061. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

None.

18062. To consider any requests for dispensation.

None.

18063. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 17.05.18.

The minutes of 17.05.18 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record with the following correction

18043 Add "months" after 12.

18064. To present award grants to the following community groups.

Grants were awarded to the following and each recipient addressed members to talk about their project:

Individual Application: Mr C Myers for £520

Grant Application: Brixham Junior Sailing Club for £1,000

18065. To discuss and consider the work of Play Torbay

Members resolved that a letter of thanks should be sent to Play Torbay thanking them for attending and enclosing an application form should it be relevant for their project as well as encouraging them to submit an article for the Brixham Signal.

18066. To acknowledge the award recently presented to the Torbay RNLI Coxswain
Brixham Town Council congratulates Torbay RNLI Coxswain.

Cllr Morey proposed that the Community Services Committee consider options for presenting an award Torbay RNLI in recognition of its long service to the community (1886 - 2018) and in particular for its commitment to sea rescue and life-saving in and around the coastline and beyond.

Members were keen to ensure that the Community Services Committee considered an award for all past and present coxswains and crew. Cllr Morey proposed an amendment to the proposal as follows:

That the Community Services Committee consider options for presenting an award to past and present members of the Torbay RNLI in recognition of its long service to the community (1886 - 2018) and in particular for its commitment to sea rescue and life-saving in and around the coastline and beyond.

Members voted on the amended motion and it was unanimously **resolved**.

18067. To hear an update on the Stagecoach Consultation

Members were advised that a report has been delayed, but a representative from Stagecoach had stated in an email to the office that in general terms it was as per the consultation.

18068. To hear an update on representatives for Outside Bodies.

Members were advised that the Brixham Community Partnership required a minimum of one Town Council representative to ensure they remain quorate for their Steering Group meetings.

Cllr Addison agreed to be the representative.

18069. To hear reports from the Community Chairpersons.

Community Services Committee

Members discussed and rejected a request from Brixham Police to consider purchasing a 'mosquito' anti-loitering device to help deter antisocial behaviour at Shoalstone Pool and the Town Centre. It was resolved to request that Torbay Council the location of the CCTV and the quality of images and that the committee should also consider funding organised activities between the Police and local youth groups.

Members discussed

- The Christmas Lanterns, Lights and 'luminations and how to best to fund future event
- Concerns with the lack of interest from volunteers for the Community Emergency Response Team and agreed to hold a drop in day to encourage people to get involved.
- Waste management providing during events
- The requirement to upgrade the lengthsman's equipment
- The newsletter and how it could be improved
- The Civic Award applications and agreed the recipient

Planning and Regeneration Committee

Chair and Vice Chair were nominated, and the committee were progressing with Article 4. The committee continue to monitor planning and licence applications and any highways issues.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chair and Vice Chair nominated and committee continue to monitor the financial budget comparison, grant applications, updates on the Information Point and allotments.

Evaluation Committee

No meeting held since the last meeting.

Town Hall Sub Committee

Members were updated on the work the interim market manager was doing and it was agreed to appoint him as Market Manager, which should be reviewed annually or as soon as firm plans for the future of the building have been agreed, whichever is sooner.

Members reviewed the end of tenancy inventory and condition survey, agreed on the heads of terms for Brixham Theatre CIO, considered maintenance quotes for annual contracts and maintenance requirements throughout the Town Hall building.

18070. To hear a report from the Town Council Community Healthcare Working Group.

Cllr Stockman reported that a Well Being day will be held on Saturday 15th September at The Edge. She requested to change the terms of the condition of the community projects fund awarded to the working group asked that the Finance and General Purposes reconsider.

35 people have been trained and South Devon College are working on a new app and will be tested on their peers. The group are now looking at funding options for infrastructure on reducing suicide at a local hotspot. They have designed a logo to go on the beer mats and are currently trying to obtain permission from the Samaritans to put their contact details on the mats.

18071. To hear a report from Shoalstone Pool CIC.

Cllr Clarke reported that the Friends of Shoalstone Pool had raised £500 from their summer fete. The pool was closed on Thursday 28th June for cleaning and repainting and that once again the lifeguards will be doing street collections this year on the cleaning days. They have experiencing problems with the toilet block and Exjet have been booked to investigate the problem. As well as this, investigations are ongoing to find out why no water is coming out the shower. They have been researching for replacement flagpole and an expert in health and safety for outdoor pools. They have purchased a new high chair, spinal board and are hoping to purchase a new dolphin collection box to replace the one that washed out to sea. They have a vacancy for an NPLQ qualified lifeguard. New policies have been adopted and existing policies have been reviewed.

They have introduced new cement beach huts and one additional new hut. They have also started considering employing a parking enforcement company.

18072. To hear a report from the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum.

The plan is currently with the examiner who has sent a lot of queries to the working group. The working group have returned answers to the examiner and they are now waiting for the examiner to respond with her conclusion.

18073. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports.

Cllr Haddock

Has been received a lot of complaints from people including Fire Brigade receiving parking tickets from the area in and around the Torbay Trading Estate. He also confirmed that the recent fire was due to arson and someone has been arrested. He advised that Torbay Council are looking to take TOR2 back in house. However, it could take up to one year before they have settled with the new company.

Cllr Haddock advised that budgets are tight and Torbay Council have agreed to look at the future of the Council and it may be that the Council will have to request to delay the elections for 12 months.

Petty crime was down 75% due to the Police vehicle being located at Churston and the Police have recovered over a £¼ million of drugs so far.

Cllr Morey

Due to the need for Torbay Council to change they are looking at options and there may be a delay in the elections for members. This will not change the Mayoral post which will end in May 2019.

New play equipment has been installed at Furzeham Green taken from S106 monies.

There is a delay for the jetty application for Oxen Cove and it will not now be going to the July Development Management Committee.

Town Centre regeneration – Torbay Council has decided to take this back in house. He also reported that the agreement to share services with Plymouth City Council for the Planning has failed to reach agreement and Torbay Council are now recruiting to fill vacant positions.

Cllr Stockman

Budget setting is not easy especially due to the amount of cuts that they have to make to reach the target set by Government. She stated that Brixham is in a good position due to having a Town Council.

18074. To present items for the next agenda.

Stagecoach Consultation

Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum (prior to referendum)

Brixham Theatre CIO

Bank Lane Toilets (dependant on outcome of new company)

TOR2 – (Agreed to remove)

Oxen Cove development

Parking

Police

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairperson

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Brixham Chamber of Commerce Executive

The Executive Meeting of Brixham Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday 12th June was unusually inquorate due to holidays and illness but some points arose in general discussion.

- The Chair reported that he will be attending a meeting with Kevin Mowat on Tuesday 19th June about car parking charges. He is anticipating that Torbay are seeking increases in charges, and he, along with Nigel Makin, who will also be in attendance, will be making the case for a different approach as increases are short-sighted in terms of having an adverse impact on footfall in the town.
- Following poor attendance at a recent General Meeting, members believe that a survey of their membership should take place to analyse whether there may be a problem and if so to address it.
- The BTC representative reported that they had initiated a “soft launch” of the new Information Point situated within the Museum and asked the Chamber to notify their members that it is now possible to view and comment upon the Interactive Kiosk so that BTC may build upon the present content. A member of staff will be present between 1.00pm-4.00pm from Tuesday to Friday to provide information to members of the public who prefer to interact with another person rather than the Interactive Kiosk. The news was well received by those present.
- It was also reported that the Town Council’s Community Services Committee had agreed to set up a working group to which organisers of significant festivals in the town will be invited, the purpose of which is to discuss and agree Best Practice for the organisation of such events with regards to seeking, receiving and acting upon sound advice in some aspects of their organisation, particularly waste management. The Executive were themselves discussing waste management at recent events and will be pleased to take part in the working group subject to receiving a formal invitation to do so.

No formal decisions could be made in the absence of a quorum, but the meeting notes were shared with members.

Brixham Does Care Executive Committee

At the last meeting discussion took place re purchasing a new minibus. It was decided to view the one purchased by St. Kildas as it was from the same source as BDC intend purchasing from. The meeting also had a presentation by Steve Honeywell on day centre update.

BDC will be continuing in Town Hall to run alongside new day centre as they still need a town centre presence.

Forthcoming Events include:

13th July Summer nights concert with fish and chips, entertainment by Missing Tackle.
23rd July Martins song and dance.

Brixham Fairtrade Working Group

The last meeting discussed:

- A book mark to be given to every pupil when speaking to schools about Fairtrade.
- Having a Brixham is a Fair Trade sign and symbol fixed above the existing welcome to Brixham sign.
- Writing again to Mike Coupe CEO of Sainsburys plc requesting him to return to using the Fair Trade mark and use information from our Kenyan Fairtrade visitors.

Also to write to the Co-op, Waitrose and M & S to thank them for their ongoing support.

- Promoting and publicising Fairtrade Brixham including display banner, social media and Brixham Signal.

Brixham Theatre CIO

Nothing to report.

Brixham Museum

Nothing to report.

Brixham Community Sports Partnership

Mike Morey has been elected for the newly formed partnership. It was agreed to increase the number of voting members for both the Rugby club and football club to four members. Members of the partnership agreed that the proposed maintenance agreement by the landowner was excessive for the facility and it was agreed to draft up a new agreement that was both practical and viable working with the new owners of the caravan site. Members on the partnership also agreed an unincorporated constitution, to set up a bank account and for both clubs to make an initial contribution.

Community Flood Plan

Nothing to report.

Community Partnership

Nothing to report.

DALC Larger Councils

Nothing to report.

Torbay Council Events Forum

Nothing to report

Youth Council

Nothing to report.