

Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Regeneration Committee held in the Furzeham Room of Brixham Town Hall on 6th August 2018 at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllrs R Clarke, S Clutterbuck M Day, D Giles and M Morey.

Also present: Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk.

18095. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Carr and Campbell. Cllrs Clutterbuck and Morey were substitutes.

18096. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Morey declared a non-pecuniary interest due to being on the Torbay Council Development Management Committee. He advised that he will not be voting on any planning application decisions. The declaration of interest book was available to sign.

18097. To consider any requests for Dispensation on agenda items.

None

18098. Minutes and Confidential notes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2018.

The minutes and confidential notes of the meeting held on 02.07.18 were **resolved** and signed as a true copy.

18099. To consider the reasons for refusal of planning applications

None.

18100. To note planning decisions made by Torbay Council or any appeals since the last meeting held on 2nd July 2018.

Members reviewed the decisions made by Torbay Council since the 2nd July 2018.

18101. To consider any Planning Applications to be put to Torbay Council Development Management Committee.

None

18102. To consider any Planning Applications to be put to Torbay Council Planning Officers.

The planning applications were considered, and it was **resolved** to respond to the applications. Details are shown in the decisions report.

18103. An update on Highways issues

- **Brixham College Residents Committee**

Cllr Morey updated members following the meeting at the end of July and the concern about the traffic speed in the area emphasising that there was a need for a safe crossing for children and adults using the concentration of facilities in a small area. Cllr Giles reported that the group were seeking support from the Town Council by writing to Torbay Council Highways supporting the residents committee in their application. It was **resolved** to write to Torbay Council in support of request to install a safe crossing on Higher Ranscombe Road.

- **The Quay**

Cllr Day advised that the work was repaired by the Harbour Authority due to Health and Safety concerns.

- **20 mph limits in Sharkham Village**

Cllr Giles reported that a resident had been in contact with him raising concerns on the implementation of a 20mph limit. Whilst the resident is not entirely against the limit, he has questioned whether it is required.

Cllr Giles also questioned why the Town Council had not been included within the consultation. Councillors requested that the Clerk writes to Torbay Council to find out why the Town Council are not receiving details of their consultations and request that we are added to the distribution list.

- **Emergency Services Access**

It was noted that emergency services are still struggling to get around certain areas of Brixham due to parked vehicles.

18104. To consider a request that Brixham Town Council consider proposing the Harbour Bowl to become a 'Cumulative Impact Area'

Members of the public were invited to address the committee on the cumulative growth of premises licences which they believe, combined with venues playing live music, is creating a public nuisance and becoming a major public safety issue. The representative owns a decibel meter and the sound levels are between 60 and 70 decibels every weekend. The representatives asked that the Town Council apply to Torbay Council for the Harbour Bowl to become a 'Cumulative Impact Area' (CIA).

It is understood that the Town Council can initiate the CIA and write to Torbay Council to request the CIA, something that Torbay Council has already established in Torquay Harbour.

A further member of the public advised the committee that they were recently assaulted by a group of moped riders and are very concerned about the anti-social behaviour taking place around the town.

It was **resolved** that the Town Council would discuss a CIA at the next meeting when the Clerk can produce a detailed report for members to consider.

18105. To consider the following motion on plastic waste:

Plastic waste is causing a global crisis. Both Torbay Council and Brixham Town Council have considered the topic and resolved to set up a working group/task force to explore the various options open to the community in combating plastic pollution. Torbay Council is leading the South West Marine Plastics Initiative, in conjunction with Groundwork Trust. With this in mind we request that Torbay Council stop posting planning application notices that are laminated in plastic and replace them with biodegradable material.

The Clerk reported that she had been in a meeting with Torbay Council Chief Executive who had agreed to review the use of plastic as a whole for Torbay Council.

Members **resolved** to support the motion with no amendments. The motion was carried.

18106. To hear a report from BrixhamFuture

Members were advised that:

Churchill Gardens

The Clerk, two Ward Councillors and a Torbay Council Officer met on site to discuss the request from Brixham Future to install information boards. Members were advised that concerns were raised by all parties on the structural condition of the wall, no disabled access and the difficulty to install this under current regulation and the requirement for the installation of a pedestrian rail. Members were also advised that whilst all parties were open to the suggestion, it was felt that a better alternative would be to install the information boards at the war memorial site on Berry Head Road.

WW1 Arrangements

Brixham Future were hoping to establish a permanent position for the silhouette display. However, have only been able to establish temporary solutions and this is based on sufficient funding being raised from the Tesco Bags for Life. The temporary solutions are the garden area of the Baptist Church, front or rear of the Town Hall.

D-Day Arrangements

Brixham Future are holding an event on 6th June and have sent invitations to the Royal Family, Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Ambassadors of France, Canada, America and Belgium as well as arranging a Battle of Britain Memorial Fly Past. The Clerk reported that she had advised the Chair that Brixham Future would need to submit an Event Management Plan (EMP) to Torbay Council's Public Advisory Safety Group but was unable to establish if this had been done. Members were also advised that Brixham Future had written to local businesses, community groups and the Town Council asking to hold an event between 1st and 9th June.

The Clerk advised that she will be contacting Torbay Council to establish if an EMP had been submitted and informing Torbay Council of the event. Members were supportive of the Clerk and requested updates at the next meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding

Members were advised that Brixham Future have asked for changes to be made to the Memorandum of Understanding as they believed it needed updating to reflect the work that Brixham Future are currently carrying out, which includes low cost, micro regeneration projects. Members advised that they would consider changes but Brixham Future should submit an official request with their proposed changes.

Agreed to extend the meeting for a further 10 minutes

18107. To consider how the Planning & Regeneration Committee considers planning applications.

Members were happy with the way things are working and agreed that there was not a requirement to monitor it monthly.

18108. To consider any license applications

None.

18109. To put forward any items for the next Planning Committee Agenda.

- Mapping
- Article 4
- CIA
- Brixham Future

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chairperson Date