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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **THREATENING AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LEADS TO CALL FOR AN OPEN MEETING WITH MP AND LOCAL POLICE REPRESENTATIVES**

Brixham Town Council, working with Brixham Community Partnership, has called an open meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Scala Hall. The meeting is being held to allow the community to discuss with Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, the local Police Inspector and Superintendent the increasing levels of threatening and anti-social behaviour in the town.

Several members of the public attended recent meetings of the Planning and Regeneration Committee and Full Council to complain that not enough was being done to protect the public from gangs of moped riders who have threatened and in some cases injured members of the public, and the excessive levels of noise that can be heard around the harbour and town between 11.00pm and 3.00am, particularly on the weekends.

A spokesman for the police who attended the Full Council meeting admitted that they simply do not have the resources to deal with the problems and are having to prioritise the crimes that they deal with.

Councillor Ian Carr, Chair of the Planning & Regeneration Committee said that it was important that the Council recognise the depth of feeling and do what it can to find a solution.

“This is a resource problem resulting from national government policy and the only way to get attention is to escalate the complaint up through the chain of command rather than trying to deal with it locally”, he said.

“We need both Police Representatives and our MP to attend an open meeting where the community can discuss its grievances and the message can be sent back to Government loud and clear that enough is enough”, Councillor Carr added.

Supporting the initiative Councillor David Giles said that “when the social fabric of our town starts to come apart because of lack of police numbers it is up to this Council to make our feelings known in support of the public and seek urgent action”.

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#### **Notes for editors**

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