



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Function Room, Brixham Town Hall; 9th August 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs P Addison, V Campbell, I Carr, S Clutterbuck, R Clarke, D Giles, M Morey, J Regan, J Stock and J Wilbraham.

Attending: Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, and 20 members of the public.

Cllr Regan welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

A representative of the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum was invited to address the meeting to provide an update to members following the recent examination of the Neighbourhood Plan. Members were then given an opportunity to ask questions.

18075. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Day, J Stockman and Torbay Ward Councillor V Ellery.

18076. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

Cllrs M Morey & R Haddock declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 of the agenda. Both Councillors will take part in the discussion or vote on item 7 for the avoidance of predetermination at Torbay Council.

18077. To consider any requests for dispensation.

None.

18078. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 28.06.18.

The minutes of 28.06.18 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record with the following correction:

18069 replace 'Community' with 'Committee'

18079. To hear a report from the Police.

In the last year crime rose by 19%, which includes burglar in dwelling, non-dwellings, criminal damage and drug offense.

It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders to allow members of the public to address the Police. Issues raised were:

Anti-social behaviour from youths, bikes / scooters racing around central car park, litter, criminal damage on telephone box, groups of moped drivers causing assaults and intimidation, dog faeces, speeding, alcohol and drug related issues.

They also raised issues relating to lack of parking for residents and business proprietors.

Members recognised the frustration that members of the public were facing due to the lack of resources in the Police. The Clerk was asked to convene an open meeting to include the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Town Council, local MP and Torbay Council to discuss and consider how to influence Government with

a view to seeking increased funding to provide additional Police Officers to the community.

18080. To present the 2018/19 Civic Award.

The Civic Award was presented to Mr Brooks in recognition of his voluntary work over the last 32 year for the Torbay Steam Fair.

18081. To consider the results of the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan's Inspection.

It was **resolved** that the Town Council supports the forum to continue its work and respond to the examiner's report and where necessary challenge the examiners recommendations.

The Town Council extended its thanks to the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum for their hard work.

18082. 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:

Brixham in Bloom for £50 for the refreshments during the In-Bloom judging day.

Brixham Gig Club were not available to attend and will be invited to the next Council meeting to collect their grant award.

18083. To consider and agree on the Electoral Boundary Changes Consultation

Members considered the proposals outlined in a report from Torbay Council. It was **resolved** to accept the proposals as provided by Torbay Council.

18084. To hear an update on Stagecoach number 13 bus service following the consultation

Cllr Giles updated members on the change of route for the number 13 bus service. He also advised that he had received complaints regarding the length of time it now takes to travel to Torbay Council. However, it was noted that the Town Councils decision was to reconnect the community to Torbay Hospital and it was felt that the change in route for number 13 had done this.

18085. To consider recommendations from the Evaluation Committee

a) Strategy Document

Further changes were made, and it was **resolved** to accept the changes.

b) Working Group Terms of Reference

Further changes were made, and it was **resolved** to adopt the policy.

c) Delegated powers

It was **resolved** that the Evaluation Committee will have delegated powers to continue to make ongoing changes to the Working Group Terms of Reference throughout the year, including setting up for any new working groups. It was noted that the policy will be reviewed annually by Full Council.

- d) Tablets
It was **resolved** to purchase two tablets, protective covers and email licences for two Councillors for a trial period ending April 2019 as contained in report 19a/2018.
- e) Candidate Café
It was **resolved** to hold a Candidate Café at the end of October in the Town Hall to encourage candidates to stand in the May 2019 elections.

18086. To consider recommendations from the Planning and Regeneration Committee.

Article 4 Directive

Cllr Carr proposed the following recommendations being a change from the Planning and Regeneration Committee recommendations:

- a) To appoint JB Heritage Consulting to carry out evidence-based research to support the implementation of an appropriate Article 4 Direction to be enforced within the Brixham Town Conservation Area in particular, and for any other areas or buildings of architectural or historic value outside the conservation area.
- b) To ask Torbay to complete the Brixham Town Conservation Area Appraisal and to continue to work with the Town Council to achieve the implementation of such an Article 4 Direction as mentioned in part A of this resolution.

It was **resolved** to approve the amended recommendations.

18087. To consider recommendations from the Community Services Committee

a) Town Lengthsman

It was **resolved** to purchase the equipment as recommended in report 17a/2018.

b) Tree Stump

It was **resolved** to appoint the contractor to carry out the associated work as recommended in report 20/2018.

*It was **resolved** to extend the meeting for a further 20 minutes.*

c) D Day Celebrations

It was **resolved** to:

- in principle, take an active part in the commemoration events and seek ways to work with partners;
- seek assurances from Brixham Future that they are complying with Torbay Council's Event Management policies and any other policy required to hold an event on public land. A copy of which should be provided to the Town Council;
- request that the Community Services report back to Full Council on a full proposal for Town Council involvement including any associated costs.

18088. To hear reports from the Community Chairpersons.

Community Services Committee

In addition to that already discussed during the meeting, the committee discussed presenting an award to RNLI for long term service to the community, Christmas lights budget and update for the 2018 event.

Planning and Regeneration Committee

In addition to that already discussed during the meeting, the committee have agreed to consider a request to support a Cumulative Impact Area for the Harbour, considered planning applications, resolved that Torbay Council should use biodegradable material for use in planning application notices and considered reports from Brixham Future with regards to Churchill Gardens, WW1 Arrangements and D-Day Arrangements.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

In addition to that already discussed during the meeting, the committee discussed the information point and possibilities of advertising on the kiosk, submit an application to Torbay Council for brown signs and reviewing issues in relation to the allotments.

Evaluation Committee

In addition to that already discussed during the meeting, the committee discussed personnel following recent appraisals.

Town Hall Sub Committee

The committee have been considering annual service providers for best values and service to the Town Council, approved purchase of custom mats, the need for tenants and hirers to provide risk assessments and policy schedules. The committee also considered maintenance issues around the building.

18089. To hear a report including considering and agreeing any recommendations from the Town Council Community Healthcare Working Group.

The working group is currently working with the Town Council on the future of the group and a report and presentation will be coming to the next Council meeting.

18090. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports.

Cllr Haddock

Cllr Haddock reported that he had put a Freedom of Information Request into Torbay Council for information relating to TOR2 on food recycling, missed collections and fines from Torbay Council. He advised members that Torbay Council were not in a position to answer the first two requests but provided financial information on the fines.

Cllr Haddock went on to report that it has been announced that TOR2 had been deliberately missing routes for several weeks.

Members **agreed** that they will encourage residents to complain either direct to TOR2 or contact the Town Council who will report the complaint. It was also considered to put the details in the Brixham Signal.

Cllr Haddock reported that he is receiving a lot of complaints about parking due to vehicles parking on pavements and corners causing a hazard.

*It was **resolved** to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes.*

Cllr Morey

Cllr Morey reported that:

- the Jetty application will be discussed at the August Development Management Committee;
- at the last Torbay Council meeting agreed assisted living accommodation at St. Kildas. Torbay Council have also decided to block the entrance to St. Kildas restricting car parking, due to anti-social behaviour problems.

Cllr Clarke suggested to Ward Councillors that they submit an article in the Brixham Signal.

18091. To present items for the next agenda.

Brixham Theatre CIO

Bank Lane Toilets (dependant on outcome of new company)

Oxen Cove development

Parking

18092. It was **resolved** that under the Public Bodies (Admission 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.

The meeting closed at 9.46pm.

Chairperson

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Brixham Chamber of Commerce Executive

The last Executive Meeting of Brixham Chamber of Commerce was well attended with Brixham Theatre CIO making a presentation about the new company and its aspirations going forward.

During the Theatre presentation they made the following statement:-

"we could not have succeeded in getting the new company started without the invaluable support of Brixham Town Council".

Cllr Giles was also asked to address the meeting about the new Car Parking charges.

Brixham Does Care Executive Committee

The recent meeting discussed:

- the various social and fundraising events that had been held. They also discussed their open day on the 20th September BDC which will include a grand draw in the Scala Hall and a display of material regarding the New Day Care Centre.
- The day care centre which included a presentation was given by Steve Honeywell on the New Friends Centre due to open early 2019. The Trust are very committed to this. It is a new model for care. BDC will have a 3-year contract with the Trust & League of Friends. BDC will remain in the Town Hall as they need a presence in the town centre. The build is coming on well and may be finished by end of December 2018.

Brixham Fairtrade Working Group

The last meeting discussed:

- Fair Trade Road sign which is still in progress.
- Window stickers will cost £1 each Devon Fair Trade will fund £30 worth.
- Fair Trade Directory. Millie and me to be deleted as business now sold.
- Banner to be displayed at the Edge.
- Maintain Facebook entries. Discussion on having a stall at Brixham Sunday market. Decided not to pursue but to book hall for Coffee Morning.
- Making application to Mayors Fund for funding towards road sign at entrance to Brixham. Resolved to obtain details.

Brixham Theatre CIO

Nothing to report.

Brixham Museum

Nothing to report.

Brixham Community Sports Partnership

The last meeting discussed:

- Insurance for the new partnership
- Bank account requirements and signatories
- The community use agreement
- Maintenance works once the pitch is in use
- Use of the community changing facilities

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.