



# Brixham Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Function Room, Brixham Town Hall; 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Addison, I Carr, V Campbell, R Clarke, D Giles, J Stock and J Wilbraham

**Attending:** Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, Cllr V Ellery and 9 members of the public.

Cllr Rosemary welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

**19000. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clutterbuck, Day, Morey, Regan and Torbay Ward Councillor Haddock.

**19001. Declarations of Interest.**

None.

The book was available for signing.

**19002. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 13.12.18.**

The minutes and confidential notes of 13.12.18 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record.

**19003. Police.**

PC Thomas and Inspector Langley presented the latest statistics to the meeting a copy of which is attached to these minutes. They also advised that they have been dealing with a large case in court due to illegal money lending

*It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders*

Councillors and members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions.

*It was **resolved** to reinstate standing orders*

**19004. Grant Awards.**

Brixham Pirate Festival

A grant for £5,000 was presented to help towards the 2019 Pirate Festival.

Brixham Theatre CIO

A grant for £1,000 was presented to help with the first year's insurance costs.

**19005. Torbay Council's Community Governance Review Consultation.**

Members considered the questions within the Community Governance Review and **resolved** to respond. They made the following comments and asked the Town Clerk to produce a draft response for them to consider via prior to submitting to Torbay Council.

Town Councils are there to provide a service to the community. They are not there to give Local Authorities the opportunity to pass services on in order to save money. It needs to be done for the right reason and not to give Torbay Council the opportunity to pass services on in order to save money.

Town Councils are better suited to work in partnership. Members agreed that Brixham could have lost Shoalstone and the Town Hall for example. Town Councils have an opportunity of building community resilience.

Town Councils bring democracy nearer the people which is important. This is going a long way to healing the wounds of a political society.

Town Councils are statutory consultees.

Town Councils add value to the community and produce important documents such as the Neighbourhood Plan.

In response to the question regarding increasing Brixham boundary, there was a mixed response with no clear agreement on either option. It was agreed that if the boundary was to be increased, then it would be based on responses from the residents of Galampton and Churston. If they were in favour of Brixham Town Council increasing the boundary, then the Town Council should consider this at a later stage.

Members considered the number of Town Councils in each Town and agreed that Torquay and Paignton should be split into smaller parishes to ensure that each new Town Council had a reasonable sized parish.

**19006. To consider recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2019 / 20 Budget**

Cllr Giles presented the 2019 / 20 budget. Members were advised that the F&GP considered the budget carefully and how the Council can support organisations in Brixham, without substantially increasing the budget.

The proposals included the removal of funding for Shoalstone because they had not utilising the financial support from 2018/19 and it was proposed that the unused budget heading for Shoalstone should be put into earmarked reserves. Funding has also been removed from Brixham Theatre CIO. However, Cllr Giles was keen to emphasise that the Council should not remove their support for future projects.

Members were also advised why the staff salaries had been increased substantially which was explained in report 04 / 2019.

A discussion took place on the need to include financial support for Shoalstone Pool with some of the Directors stating reasons why they had not used the financial support to date and why they needed it for future years.

Cllr Stockman recommended that £10,000 is put back in the budget and retain the unspent budget heading for Shoalstone in the ear marked reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Campbell.

A vote took place as follows:

5 agreed and 3 abstained. The motion was carried.

It was **resolved** to adopt the 2019 / 20 Budget of £317,372, being an increase to Council Tax Band D of 9.65%.

Council Tax Summary Leaflet

It was **resolved** to submit the statement to Torbay Council.

**19007. To consider recommendations from the Town Hall Sub Committee.**

Members were advised that the Pannier Market Manager had resigned from his position. The Committee considered that there is a need to keep the market open until such time that research on the viability of the market had been carried out. This was based on the last three Market Managers not being able to make the market viable.

It was **resolved** that the Town Council will manage the Pannier Market for an interim period.

**19008. Community Healthcare**

Cllr Stockman reported that a website has been set up free of charge. This does mean that they do not need to spend the allocated budget as approved by F&GP and will be approaching the committee to ascertain if this could be reallocated to other projects within the working group.

They would like to meet with the Council to revisit the Terms of Reference as they believe it was too onerous.

Brixham YES are hoping to open up a premises in Fore Street and it is the intension of the working group to ask if there are opportunities to have a quiet area within the new premises.

Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust have agreed to having a gate to the guard bridge. There is still a need to apply for planning and approval from Natural England.

The Town Clerk and Chairperson of the Council reminded Cllr Stockman that under the terms of the working group that they are required to submit a written report to the Council on their proposals and reasons prior to any actions being carried out by the working group.

**19009. Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Stockman advised that the plan is going to referendum on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. There are talking points of getting a few items that still need to be resolved and the group are working with the Planning Officer.

Cllr Stockman proposed:

This Council supports our Neighbourhood Plan produced with the Community for the Community and that it will actively promote a Yes vote at the referendum in May.

The motion was carried.

*It was **resolved** to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.*

**19010. Shoalstone Pool.**

- Members were advised that they had carried out a recruitment drive and 5 of last year's lifeguards have agreed to return as well as the Pool Manager.
- Shoalstone are currently looking for help with keeping their website up to date.
- They have been unsuccessful in their funding application to coastal communities.
- They are currently going through a recruitment process for a caretaker.
- Torbay Council have carried out some minor work in the car park.
- A landslide has recently happened by the Kiosk.
- Investigations are ongoing to ascertain the reason why the pool is leaking.
- They are currently obtaining quotes for a new flagpole but will not proceed until the health and safety inspection has been carried out.
- They have been approached by a dive school who would like to use the pool to carry out training and will give a donation to Shoalstone.

Shoalstone currently have 3 or 4 members from the Committee who will meet to discuss the strategic planning of the pool. The first thing they will consider is the integrity of the pool. Then they will look at the health and safety and viability of the pool.

There is another dog swim planned for Good Friday.

**19011. To hear reports from the Community Chairpersons.**

Community Services Committee

- They had a presentation from Brixham Future outlining the programme of events to mark the anniversary of D Day.
- They discussed the Lanterns, Lights & Illuminations parade and fireworks. Despite the bad weather the parade and fireworks were a success. Born Hectic did a good job in their organising of the street entertainment, street food and road closure management. There was an increase from the donations from local business as well as the street collection during the event.
- They discussed the issue of dog fouling and agreed to put an article in the January Signal.
- They discussed a proposal for a litter picking scheme and agreed to put an article in the January Signal to find out how much support the initiative would have from the community.
- The WW1 Tea Dance was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Town Council had also received several letters of thanks. Cllr Addison gave thanks to everyone that helped with the Tea Dance which was a huge success.

Evaluation Committee

No meeting had been held since the last Full Council. The next Evaluation Committee meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

The budget has already been discussed and adopted earlier in the meeting. They had also considered and agreed a grant to Brixham Future for £1,000 towards an event during the D Day Celebrations.

Planning and Regeneration Committee

Planning applications were considered. The Committee also considered complaints received regarding the Community Bus service.

Town Hall Sub Committee

The Committee had considered and agreed new utility providers. They also considered maintenance aspects around the building, concerns raised on or by tenants, market, regeneration.

*It was **resolved** to extend the meeting for a further 5 minutes.*

**19012. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports.**

Cllr Ellery

Cllr Ellery reported that a planning application has been submitted to Torbay Council for a new fire station which will hopefully start in the late spring / early summer.

Cllr Stockman

The official opening of the Day Centre is on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Invites will be issued shortly. Torbay members have also been considering the Mayor's budget.

**19013. Date of next meeting.**

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**19014. Items for future agendas.**

- Brixham Theatre CIO
- Bank Lane Toilets (dependant on outcome of new company)
- Oxen Cove development
- Parking – parking on pavements, junctions etc. (P&R)

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairperson .....

Date.....

### **Brixham Chamber of Commerce Executive**

The Executive Meeting of Brixham Chamber of Commerce took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Conservative Club in New Road.

Members discussed the much more successful year that the Sunday markets had enjoyed due to the vastly improved weather compared to the previous year.

Discussions also began around planning for 2019 and the need to bring forward more members on to the Executive Committee in order to avoid all of the work falling to a small group.

The committee stated its ongoing support for the council's Lanterns, Lights and 'Luminations event and have been encouraging their members to financially contribute to such a valuable community occasion.

Should it be required the Chamber stands ready to offer such assistance or advice as the Council may deem necessary in the preparation of the event in 2019

### **Brixham Does Care Executive Committee**

Brixham Does Care's AGM was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, a copy of the Annual Report was circulated by email to all Town Councillors. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Brixham Fairtrade Working Group**

Matters discussed at the January meeting included:

- Maintaining Fairtrade Status
- Road sign to be followed up with Torbay Council Highways
- Activities and Events
- Fairtrade Fortnight (25<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> March) and events taking place
- The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March

### **Brixham Theatre CIO**

It should be noted that the monthly committee meetings of Brixham Theatre CIO are not the place where substantive decisions are made. Rather these occur at meetings of the Trustees of the business, with the Committee discussing issues and contributing ideas and future events for the theatre.

At this month's meeting it was reported that the opening months of the CIO's stewardship of the theatre had been most promising with shows being well supported and the autumn line up also selling well at the time of writing.

There were one or two issues around ticketing but these were expected to be resolved quickly and without causing any concern for the public.

The Chair stated that he had an upcoming meeting with the Town Clerk and members urged him to address the serious problem of the lift breaking down and being in urgent need of an upgrade, and an issue regarding the failure of the heating to come on at critical times during the theatre's use.

Members were conscious of the need to keep building up the volunteer base and have a training programme in place as members of the public come forward.

### **Brixham Museum**

Nothing to report.

**Brixham Community Sports Partnership**

Nothing to report.

**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 Genesis**

Despite an annual battle to raise the funding necessary to keep a growing organisation afloat Youth Genesis continue to win admirers and requests for the development of more Youth Centres from around the county.

At the Annual General Meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November volunteers, trustees and supporters were told that the organisation has been meeting with representatives of the communities of Great Torrington, North Tawton, Chillington and Totnes and have already held some inaugural sessions for young people in those areas following drastic cuts to the sector by local government over a period of several years.

In the year to date the value of volunteer time is £11,2505 when measured against the cost of employment as an alternative and the Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Oliverio, thanked all who have made a contribution and observed that it would not be possible to keep such a complex operation going without the dedication of all of the volunteer base. It was noted that without the invaluable financial contributions of a range of funders including councils, churches and private support Youth Genesis would struggle to survive and the CEO thanked all who do so for their commitment to helping the organisation provide places around the county where young people can meet, play and develop projects which are of assistance in their local communities.

In Brixham the young people have continued their highly successful Project Dave 2, which focuses on the impact of domestic violence and have begun a new project entitled Cry Wolf which seeks to raise awareness of the impact of false sexual allegations and the use of certain language.

Youth Genesis sprang to life in Brixham and continues to play a significant role in the lives of our young people.

## Police Reports



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#### Crimes Recorded - 01/11/2018 to 22/01/2019 -

| Offence                 | Recorded Crime<br>01/11/2018 to<br>22/01/2019 | Recorded Crime<br>01/11/2017 to<br>22/01/2018 | Recorded Crime %<br>Difference |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Violence with Injury    | 21  | 33  | -36.4%                         |
| Violence without Injury | 70  | 54  | 29.6%                          |
| Rape                    | 2   | 4   | -50.0%                         |
| Other Sexual Offences   | 5   | 13  | -61.5%                         |
| Robbery                 | 2   | 0   | -                              |
| Burglary Dwelling       | 3   | 9   | -66.7%                         |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling   | 4   | 6   | -33.3%                         |
| Vehicle Offences        | 10  | 7   | 42.9%                          |
| Shoplifting             | 10  | 10  | 0.0%                           |
| Other Theft             | 16  | 21  | -23.8%                         |
| Criminal Damage         | 31  | 39  | -20.5%                         |
| Public Order Offences   | 15  | 15  | 0.0%                           |
| Possession of Weapons   | 2   | 1   | 100.0%                         |
| Trafficking of Drugs    | 7   | 0   | -                              |
| Possession of Drugs     | 5   | 4   | 25.0%                          |
| Other Offences          | 3   | 5   | -40.0%                         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>206</b>                                    | <b>221</b>                                    | <b>-6.8%</b>                   |

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| Non Notifiable Offences | 7 | 18 | -61.1% |
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|-------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Homicide                | 1   | 0   | -                                 |
| Violence with Injury    | 149   | 132   | 12.9%                             |
| Violence without Injury | 318   | 236   | 34.7%                             |
| Rape                    | 19  | 18  | 5.6%                              |
| Other Sexual Offences   | 37  | 43  | -14.0%                            |
| Robbery                 | 2   | 2   | 0.0%                              |
| Burglary Dwelling       | 25  | 42  | -40.5%                            |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling   | 26  | 33  | -21.2%                            |
| Vehicle Offences        | 32  | 49  | -34.7%                            |
| Shoplifting             | 25  | 45  | -44.4%                            |
| Other Theft             | 112   | 118   | -5.1%                             |
| Criminal Damage         | 178   | 186   | -4.3%                             |
| Public Order Offences   | 88  | 76  | 15.8%                             |
| Possession of Weapons   | 8   | 6   | 33.3%                             |
| Trafficking of Drugs    | 13  | 14  | -7.1%                             |
| Possession of Drugs     | 29  | 30  | -3.3%                             |
| Other Offences          | 24  | 32  | -25.0%                            |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1086</b>                                   | <b>1062</b>                                   | <b>2.3%</b>                       |

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| Non Notifiable Offences | 79 | 76 | 3.9% |
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