

# Brixham Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at Brixham Town Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs M Hodge, R Gardner, M Morey, M James, L Harrison

**Also present:** Linda McGuirk, Assistant to the Town Clerk, and six members of the public

Adrian Measures from the Brixham Pirate Festival gave members an update on plans for this year's event which takes place over May Bank Holiday. Mr Measures was advised to submit a grant application form for consideration.

**15000. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Clarke and J Stockman. Cllr L Harrison substituted for Cllr Clarke.

**15001. Declarations of Interest.**

None. The declaration book was available to sign.

**15002. Requests for Dispensation on agenda items.**

None.

**15003. Minutes of the last meeting.**

With the amendment of the words *it was noted plans to purchase* (minute number 14088) the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were **resolved** and signed by the Chairman.

**15004. To discuss and review the Christmas Lights, switch on and Lantern parade**

Lights:

- It was reported that the 3D boats on the pontoon were continually being switched off. It was **agreed** that a lockable box is installed ahead of this year's event.
- It was noted that damage had occurred to a solar panel and maintenance was required on the solar trees on New Road. Therefore it was **resolved** not to use the Christmas trees on New Road in 2015. It was noted that several complaints regarding the trees had been received.

Switch on:

- The Clerk reported record numbers had attended the Lanterns, lights and illuminations. It was advised that in future Marshalls should remain wearing hi viz jackets until after the fireworks. There were no other issues to report.
- Cllr M Hodge has agreed to operate the road closure this year. The clerk was requested to progress the application to Torbay Council.
- It was reported that the Town Council are trying to gain sponsorship from SWASFT to provide first aid provision at this year's event.
- Members were advised that Paul Pickett of 'With a Difference' entertainment had requested to return in 2015 with no charge. This was **agreed**.
- Members were advised that a request for a £50 refund had been received from 'Fancy That' who traded on the Quay during the lights switch on event. It was **resolved** to decline the request.

Lantern Parade:

- The Clerk reported the lantern parade had been very well supported.

- It was agreed to hold one Lantern making workshop this year.

**15005. To discuss and review the Christmas Market.**

- The clerk reported difficulties in selling stalls this year due to the weekend clashing with Exeter Westpoint and Candlelit Dartmouth events.
- It was reported that traders were very busy on Saturday and requested longer opening hours in future and that Sunday had been very quiet.
- It was **agreed** to reduce the Christmas Market to one day in 2015 (Saturday) with extended opening hours.
- The Clerk was requested to gather feedback from traders and report at the next meeting.
- Delegated powers were given to the Clerk to make a decision on the cost of stalls.

**15006. To hear an update on for the flood risk group**

None

**15007. To discuss progress and updates for Brixham in Bloom**

The Draft Brixham in Bloom policy was circulated to members for discussion. It was **agreed** to circulate the policy to schools, Hospital and Residential homes. The Clerk was requested to find out if Paul Addison had obtained compost and trays yet.

**15008. To hear an update from the Fairtrade Working Group.**

Cllr Martyn Hodge reported on behalf of Rosemary Clarke:

- The Fairtrade stall selling goods over the weekend 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November was quiet.
- The application for Fairtrade status for Brixham had been submitted.
- A meeting had been held with Mark Eager of Brixham Community College.
- Arrangements are in place to bring Paul Tiony, of Street Outgrowers Empowerment programme, a Kenyan tea grower, over for Fairtrade fortnight. He is provisionally booked to come to Brixham.

**15009. To discuss and agree any Napoleonic Celebrations**

It was **agreed** not to take any further action.

**15010. To put forward items for the next Agenda**

Update on Christmas Market.

Update on Brixham in Bloom.

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....

The next meeting will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.