



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Scala Hall, Brixham Town Hall; 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Addison, R Clarke, S Clutterbuck, D Giles, J Regan, M Morey, J Stock, J Stockman, S Walker-Haworth & J Wilbraham.

**Attending:** Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk; and 8 members of the public.

**1726. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.**

Apologies were received from V Campbell.

**1727. Declarations of Interest.**

None.

The Declarations of interest register was available to sign.

**1728. Request for Dispensation.**

None.

**1729. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.**

The minutes of 22.10.15 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record.

**1730. To consider Torbay Council's draft budget and discuss how it affects Brixham.**

Cllr Morey advised that there will be one budget consultation held by Torbay Council in December at the Redcliffe Hotel. He thanked Torbay Council officers for providing the presentation. Cllrs Morey, Ellery and Stockman gave an overview of Torbay Council's draft budget and items that affect Brixham namely:

- 46% Reduction in grant for Brixham Museum
- Reduction in grant for Admiral Swimming Centre
- Proposed abolishment of the Harbours Committee
- Proposed centralisation of Connections

Plus other major cuts including

- Proposed abolishment of the Audit Committee
- Proposed cut to RICC
- Reduction in budget for the Children's Services

Members were advised that the funding for Brixham Does Care comes under the new ICO who have made it clear that they need Brixham Does Care and are unlikely to cut their funding.

Members discussed their concerns. It was agreed that the Finance and General Purposes Committee will discuss and formalise response to Torbay Council as part of their budget consultation.

**1731. To discuss and agree the draft strategy document.**

Cllr Giles lead the discussion and read out the comments received from the public, which was also highlighted red in the strategy document. It was agreed to make some changes on page 8. It was **resolved** to adopt the policy with the agreed changes.

**1732. To consider the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan**

*It was **agreed** to suspend standing orders to allow 2 members of the Brixham Neighbourhood Forum to give their presentation.*

The Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Forum and Transport leader for the Neighbourhood Forum updated members on where they were to date and the current deadlines they have to adhere to.

*Cllr Clarke left the meeting at 8.40pm*

Cllr Stockman talked about possible opportunities for the Town for example a hotel, Cill for inner harbour, new retail units, Maritime and Cultural Installation.

Cllrs Addison, Carr, Clarke, Clutterbuck, Giles and Walker-Haworth all presented their thoughts on what they would like to see achieved within the plan.

It was agreed that these members would email the documents to the Town Clerk for them to be compiled and forwarded on to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**1733. To present items for the next agenda**

None

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**Chairperson .....**

**Date.....**