



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Function Room, Brixham Town Hall; 18th February 2016 at 7.00 pm

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

Attending: Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk; and 50 members of the public.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the Pannier Market after reading a newspaper article.

16019. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Campbell, I Carr and J Stockman

16020. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Clarke and Walker-Haworth declared a non pecuniary interest on item 8A. The Declarations of interest register was available to sign.

16021. Request for Dispensation.

Cllr Morey confirmed he had a dispensation on all discussions relating to Torbay Council.

Cllr Stock confirmed she had a dispensation on all discussions relating to Shoalstone Pool.

16022. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 14th January 2016.

The minutes of 14.01.16 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record.

16023. To present a grant award to Youth Genesis.

A grant cheque was awarded to Youth Genesis in the sum of £4,000.

16024. To hear the Police Report.

Apologies were received from Sgt Cayliss due to no significant updates since the last meeting.

16025. To consider recommendations from the F&GP Committee.

Report 04/2016, on the budget, was circulated prior to the meeting. A discussion was held on the budget and the precept

For the motion: Cllrs P Addison, R Clarke, S Clutterbuck, D Giles, M Morey, J Regan, J Stock, S Walker-Haworth & J Wilbraham

It was **resolved** that the budget be set according to report 04/2016, with the precept at **£233,848**.

2016/17 Budget

INCOME

Allotments	£3,800.00
Newsletter Advertising	£5,000.00
Projects	£0.00

Christmas Market (Stall sales)	£1,170.00
Town Hall (Rent & Room hire)	£68,152.00
Interest	£0.00
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	£78,122.00
Precept	£233,848.00
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	£311,970.00

EXPENDITURE

General Administration

Audit	£1,500.00
Bank Charges	£0.00
Civic Award	£100.00
Civic Service	£850.00
Courses	£1,000.00
Election Expenses	£13,000.00
Meetings	£1,900.00
Member Allowance	£1,500.00
Newsletter	£11,800.00
Noticeboards	£500.00
Post and Carriage	£1,400.00
Public Notices	£250.00
Staff Salaries inc National Insurance and Pensions	£81,000.00
Stationery	£1,250.00
Subscriptions	£2,500.00
Travel	£400.00
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	£118,950.00

Council Projects

Future Projects (Planning Committee)	£5,000.00
Community Projects Fund	£30,000.00
Youth Council	£2,000.00
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	£37,000.00

Premises

Town Hall:	
£16,000.00	
Insurance	£4,500.00
Rates	£6,000.00
Repairs and Renewals	£17,550.00
Service Level Agreements	£26,000.00
Utilities	£31,000.00
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	£101,050.00

Community and the Environment

Allotments	£4,800.00
Community Events	£10,000.00
Grants	£20,000.00

Foodbank	£2,000.00
Seasonal Displays	£28,170.00
Shoalstone Pool	£15,000.00
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	£79,970.00
Total Expenditure	£336,970.00
Less Income	£78,122.00
From Reserves	£25,000.00
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	£233,848.00
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The Statement for inclusion into the Torbay Council Performance & Council Tax summary leaflet 2016/17 to read:

Brixham Town Council was established in May 2007. The Parish Council precepts Torbay Council as a billing authority to fund its activities. This precept is received from the Council Tax payers in the area covered by Brixham Town Council, which are based on the wards of Berry Head with Furzeham and St Marys with Summercombe.

Analysis of the budget requirement for Brixham Parish Council

The table below shows the 2016 / 2017 Total Budgeted Expenditure.

	Total Expenditure £000's
General Administration	118.9
Council Projects	37
Premises	101
Community and the Environment	79.9
Less Income & money from Reserves	-103
Total Budget Requirement 2016/2017	233

The Town Council has recently drafted, consulted and adopted a Strategy Document which outlines the aims and objectives of the Council until 2019. The aims and objectives are to explore all avenues to provide a better quality of life for all residents of Brixham ensuring a value for money service to the community and a strong voice is heard in Torbay.

In order to ensure the aims and objectives met with the wishes of the community, Brixham Town Council has for the first time since its inception held a budget consultation to establish the community's expectations from the Town Council.

As part of that strategy the Council has created a Community Projects Fund in addition to the usual grant funds that will be used either to deliver small schemes of their own, in accordance with ideas raised in the consultations, or to support local groups or organisations if a particular financial need is identified.

The budget set will enable the Town Council to fulfil their strategy objectives in conjunction with the Strategy Document.

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16026. To consider recommendations from the Community Services Committee.

- A. It was **resolved** to adopt the Civic Award and Outstanding Sports Achievement award policies.
- B. It was **resolved** to apply to Torbay Council for the asset transfer of the playground at North Boundary Road
- C. Members considered the proposals from Shoalstone Pool Limited. An amendment was proposed that an additional object be added as follows:
Promoting and providing educational opportunities for lifeguarding, swimming and other associated activities.

It was resolved to accept the amendment. It was further resolved to access the amended proposal and that Shoalstone Pool Limited should apply for Charity Status.

16027. To hear a report from the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum.

It was reported that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had recently been unveiled at the Berry Head Hotel and the plans were on display in the corridor leading up to the Town Council offices as well as being available on the Town Council website.

16028. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports.

Torbay Council Budget

It was reported that Torbay Council was at the final stages of the Mayors budget proposals. Objections against the closure of Brixham and Torquay Connections had been made and the Mayor had agreed to reconsider his proposals. If there were no changes, an amendment will be put forward. There is a proposal to a reduction in the Mayors budget for the Museum budget, although not a sizeable amount this year as well as a review of the library services in Torbay.

2 & 2A Fore Street

It was reported that Y.E.S. had received confirmation of a lottery grant and hope to start work on the redevelopment with the aim to get most of the building work completed by the summer.

16029. To discuss the Local Transport Plan consultation document from Torbay Council.

It was reported that the Local Transport Plan consultation was out and the deadline for submitting comments was 21st February. Members of the public were encouraged to comment on the consultation. Members discussed the plan and **agreed** that the plan was very much Torquay based with nothing being done in Brixham until 2019/2020. It was **agreed** to urge Torbay Council to consider either changing the plans to start from Brixham first then move across the bay or balance out the proposed plans to spread it evenly across the bay.

16030. To hear a report from the Refugee Working Group

It was reported that there had been a lot of public interest with both positive and negative responses. The working group felt that some of the negative responses were based on misinformation and the report (05/2016) was produced to ensure that everyone had been given factual information. An overview of the report and the recommendations was given at the meeting.

16031. To agree to suspend Standing Orders

It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders.

16032. To invite members of the public to speak regarding the Refugee working group proposals.

Members of the public were invited to speak. A debate took place with the meeting hearing people's concerns, fears and support for the proposals made by the refugee working group.

16033. To reinstate standing orders.

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

16034. To discuss and consider the report from the Refugee working group.

Members discussed and considered the report with concerns and support for the proposals.

It was **resolved** that the refugee working group should be on the agenda when there is an update rather than every agenda (recommendation D). It was further **resolved** to accept the following recommendations with the order being changed from the recommendations made in report 05/2016:

- (a) Carry out a local consultation process to establish the degree of support we have for these proposals amongst the people of Brixham, and compile a database of offers of assistance from our community.
- (b) Continue to explore, in association with other agencies in Torbay and beyond, the possibility of the town of Brixham offering sanctuary to a small number of refugee families as part of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.
- (c) Work with the local community and local agencies to ascertain whether we can fulfill the published Statement of Requirements without compromising our responsibilities to our local community. This would establish for ourselves and the Home Office whether we have a strong enough infrastructure to participate in the scheme.

16035. To present items for the next agenda.

Shoalstone Pool Limited Charity Status
St. Kilda
Refugee working party update (only when updates are available)

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairperson

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