

Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the F&GP Committee

held in The Furzesham Meeting Room, Brixham Town Hall on 6th September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs I Carr, R Clarke, D Giles, J Regan & J Stock.

Also present: Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk

17084. Apologies for absence through the clerk.

No apologies were received.

17085. Declarations of Interest.

Tracy Hallett Pecuniary Interest on Item 5.

The Declarations of Interest register was available to sign.

17086. To consider any requests for Dispensation on agenda items.

None.

17087. Minutes of the Meeting held on 02.08.17

The minutes of the meeting held on 02.08.17 were **resolved** and signed as a true copy.

17088. To consider payment of the invoices contained in the Expenditure Transaction Approval List.

Tracy Hallett left the meeting room. The travel payment was discussed and approved. Tracy Hallett returned to the meeting room.

All remaining invoices were considered and it was **resolved** to pay the invoices as detailed on the approval list.

The Performing Rights Society Invoice of £2,852.50 plus vat was approved.

The Petty Cash approval list was approved.

17089. To discuss and note the Bank statement and expenditure against budget report.

The statements and expenditure against budget and Town Hall reports were discussed and noted. Members were advised of the balances on the 32 day notice account, Business Instant Access account, CCLA Deposit Fund and Cambridge and Counties account and that all bank statements were to remain confidential.

The expenditure against budget was noted. No questions raised.

17090. To hear an update on the information point

Members were provided with report 32/2017 and updated on the projected costs, the kiosk designs and a proposed location and layout. A discussion took place, with concerns raised on how revenue can be generated and the proposed location with some questions still to be resolved:

Will the new owners of the current TIC continue to offer an Information Centre from their shop?

Would prefer to have better service offering a 24-hour service and discussions need to take place with the new owners TIC in Brixham.

How does information point lead in to wider plans for the building?

17091. To consider any grant applications, grant feedback and Community Project Fund requests.

It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders to allow the police representative to answer Councillor questions regarding their application to the Town Council.

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

Concerns were raised over double taxation and it was **resolved** to investigate if other Town Councils have given grants to the Police. It was **agreed** to discuss the application following the findings at the next F&GP meeting.

17092. To consider any allotment issues

The report was noted. Members agreed that there was merit in asking the question regarding a provision for an allotment plot suitable for people with disabilities, but it would be difficult to retain one plot for specifically for this use. It was noted that the person who had asked the question has taken an allotment plot at the most accessible site the Town Council owns.

17093. To hold preliminary discussions on the 2018/19 budget

Preliminary discussions included:

Additional support for BDC & BATS;

Reduce support for Shoalstone

Increased allocation for future regeneration plans of the Town Hall

It was **agreed** to run a consultation from 3pm – 7pm on Thursday 2nd November in the Scala Hall.

The consultation will be a drop-in event with powerpoint presentations, display boards and opportunities for people to write their ideas of what services they would like the Town Council to run. It was further **agreed** to postpone the F&GP meeting from 1st November to 8th November and all committees to provide budget information to F&GP.

17094. To hear a financial report from the Community Services Committee

Report noted.

17095. *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.*

*It was **resolved** to extend meeting until 9.30pm.*

17096. Brixham Heritage Museum

Members discussed the recent correspondence received from Brixham Heritage Museum and it was agreed to hold a meeting with their Chairman and Treasurer. BTC representatives to be Cllr Carr and Tracy Hallett. It was further agreed that a meeting should be held with Newton Abbot Curator for advice and report back to F&GP.

17097. Items for the next agenda

- Information Point
- Museum
- Budget

The meeting closed at 9.26pm

Chairperson

Date