



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Brixham Town Council held on Zoom on 25th June 2020 at 2.00pm

Present	Cllrs P Addison, D Giles, R Haddock, E Hoggart, S Laurie, A Massey, J Regan, J Stockman and S White.
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, Linda McGuirk, Deputy Town Clerk. Simon Hiatt, Admin Assistant and Liz McCusker, Reception.
Welcome	Cllr Regan opened the meeting.
Public Time	

20052	Apologies for absence through the Clerk. Apologies received from Councillor M Morey.
20053	To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 02.06.20 The minutes of 02.06.20 were resolved as a correct record. This was a virtual meeting; therefore, minutes will be signed as soon as possible after the meeting.
20054	Declarations of Interest Cllr Haddock declared a non-pecuniary interest on agenda item 9 Pesticides.
20055	Brixham Bus Network To hear an update on the Brixham Bus Network and to discuss and consider alternative methods of transport. (Report 21-2020) Members discussed actions taken since the last meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed there had been no further communication from the service providers or Torbay Council. The public consultation was now live on Social media and has also been included in the July Signal. Councillor Giles informed members that he has carried out extensive research into alternative provisions and advised that discussion should take place with Torbay Community Development Trust (TCDT) who have been through a similar situation. Members were concerned with the short timescale. Members have received telephone calls from concerned elderly residents. It was resolved to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk to TCDT before the next meeting.2. Talk to local taxi firms before the next meeting to discuss possible subscription services, if they are not interested then3. Investigate the possibility of the Town Council delivering a community service.

	Members expressed the importance of the Town Clerk being involved in any meetings held with bus providers and Torbay Council.
20056	<p>Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) To accept and sign the Annual Return for 2019/20 as follows: (Report 17-2020)</p> <p>a) Section one: Annual Governance Statement It was resolved to accept the Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>b) Section two: Accounting Statement It was resolved to accept the Accounting Statement.</p>
20057	<p>Internal Auditor</p> <p>Members noted the Internal Auditor's Year End Report and accepted that some deadlines had been missed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p>
20058	<p>Annual Report</p> <p>Members noted the Annual Report of the Town Council.</p>
20059	<p>Pesticide Report To discuss and consider the following recommendations contained in Report 09-2020:</p> <p>Members discussed the reality and difficulties of becoming a Pesticide Free Town. It was recognised that becoming pesticide free will be a slow process and that it is not entirely possible until a suitable product is developed i.e. a suitable solution for farming and highways.</p> <p>Members agreed it was important to phase out pesticides in the community and that the Town Council should lead by example.</p> <p>It was resolved to progress with recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C) Start to phase out the use of pesticides on all Town Council owned or managed assets by 2022. D) Build a relationship with Torbay Council and its contractors to reduce the amount of pesticides used in Brixham. Encouraging a phased-out approach in parks and public open spaces.
20060	<p>New Model Code of Conduct Consultation To consider a response to the National Association of Local Council's consultation</p> <p>It was resolved to respond to the consultation stating the Code of Conduct is weak and needs to be strengthened. The policy must be more enforceable and should be a central board where everyone is treated equally.</p>

20061	<p>Time and Tide Bell update To consider the draft heads of terms issued by Torbay Council for the installation of the Time and Tide Bell (Report 20-2020)</p> <p>Members discussed the terms of the agreement raising concerns over the short length of the agreement. It was agreed the bell will be a great asset for the community and the hard work of the community group behind the project was recognised.</p> <p>It was resolved to proceed with the lease between the Town Council and Torbay Council.</p>
20062	<p>King William Plaque (Cllr S White) To discuss and consider commissioning and putting a sign near or on the statue of King William III explaining that it is a historical piece and nowadays there is no place in our society for discrimination on religious grounds</p> <p>Cllr White requested to withdraw the item.</p> <p>It was agreed to withdraw the item. Cllr Haddock abstained from voting.</p>
20063	<p>Date of next meeting The next Virtual Full Council meeting is scheduled for the 30th July 2020 at 2pm.</p> <p>Members requested that given the urgency of the deadline for the loss of the bus service that an extraordinary meeting is called if new information is received before the next meeting.</p>
20064	<p>Items for future agendas Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas, giving details of why the Council should consider the item</p>

Item	Reason	Proposed by
Parking around Brixham	Invite the Police	R Haddock
Bus Services	Deadline for loss of service is prior to date of next meeting – requested an extraordinary meeting if needed.	All

The meeting closed at 15.25pm

Chairperson Date.....