



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Brixham Town Council held on Zoom on 8th October 2020 at 2.00pm

Present	Cllrs P Addison, D Giles, R Haddock, E Hoggart, S Laurie, S Leach, A Massey, J Regan.
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, Liz McCusker, Receptionist and 3 members of the public.
Welcome	Cllr Regan opened the meeting.
Public Time	Cllr Stockman advised that the Neighbourhood Forum required someone with expertise that can lead them through the process of appeal on the Inglewood proposal. Another member from the Forum said that they will continue to make the case and requested the ability to use funds held by Brixham Town Council to use to support the Inglewood enquiry planning expertise as advocate whilst the volunteers still be witnesses.

20091	Apologies for absence through the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr I Carr
20092	To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 03.09.20 The minutes of 03.09.20 were deferred until the next Full Council meeting.
20093	Declarations of Interest None
20094	<p>Resolution proposed by Cllr Giles and seconded by Cllr Regan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the members of Brixham Town Council wish to express thanks to the Town Clerk and her staff for all of the hard work and dedication that they bring to their roles on behalf of the community and to assure them all of our ongoing support. b) To consider whether Brixham Town Council as a corporate body should sign the Change.org petition to support a change in the law to protect Town & Parish Council Clerks from bullying & Harassment. <p>Cllr Giles reported that this is the second time Brixham Town Council staff and in particular the Town Clerk have been victims of sustained bullying and harassment by a Councillor. The most recent began in the summer of 2019 and escalated over time. This is not uncommon for Town and Parish Councils which is why the Change.org petition is part of the resolution. Council staff should have the same protection as other staff in workplaces. This has now been resolved with the resignation of the Councillor. There was a consensus that as employers Councillors should not let this happen again and lessons</p>

	<p>need to be learnt via the Evaluation or Policy committee, Cllr Hoggart expressed a wish to be part of this.</p> <p>Cllr Hoggart left the room briefly.</p> <p>A recorded vote was requested.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 371 1426 678"> <thead> <tr> <th>FOR</th> <th>AGAINST</th> <th>ABSTAIN</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cllr Addison</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Leech</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Haddock</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Regan</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Massey</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Giles</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Laurie</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cllr Hoggart returned to the room.</p>	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	Cllr Addison			Cllr Leech			Cllr Haddock			Cllr Regan			Cllr Massey			Cllr Giles			Cllr Laurie		
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<p>20095</p>	<p>Car Park Management Discussion took place regarding signage and measures previously used to address this issue. It was resolved to use the Car Park Management company for their self-ticketing service.</p>																								
<p>20096</p>	<p>Shoalstone Pool CIC Cllr Hoggart explained that Shoalstone Pool are moving from a CIC to a CIO and have requested that the £10,000 they received from the Charities Aid Fund is held by Brixham Town Council until the CIO is formed.</p> <p>It was resolved that the money is held for Shoalstone Pool in so far as the Town Council is able and that the pool is useable and workable.</p>																								
<p>20097</p>	<p>Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum Cllr Addison requested this item was moved forward after item 6, Cllr Giles seconded and requested a time limit.</p> <p>Cllr Regan read extract 20034 from the Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2020, where the Committee resolved to join the Rule 6 Party as long as it was a zero cost to the Town Council.</p> <p>Members discussed the source of funding and constraints regarding this as well as concern regarding exposure to cost.</p> <p><i>It was resolved to lift Standing Orders to allow representatives from the Neighbourhood Forum to speak.</i></p> <p>The representatives advised that they received funds from Locality as well as Central Government via Torbay Council. All locality funds had been spent and the remaining balance held by the Town Council was from Central Government.</p> <p><i>It was resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.</i></p>																								

	<p>It was resolved to spend up to the value of the money in earmarked reserves for the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan. Anything above that, will have to go to Full Council for approval. Evidence that is achieved from this must be given to Brixham Town Council for future use.</p>
20098	<p>Committee Membership Members were reminded that no changes had been made to the Committee Membership and that this was an opportunity for them to change committees if they wish to do so as well as Cllr Leech being able to join any. Cllr Leech stated an interest in, Planning and Regeneration, Town Hall and Community Services. Cllr Haddock advised that he was happy to remain reserve on Finance and General Purposes.</p>
20099	<p>Emergency Social Fund Members were advised that this was due for a review. To date £1,000 had been spent against a £26,500 budget. It was resolved to adopt the policy for a further three months.</p> <p>Members were advising that funding had been received from Torbay Council for £13,000 and will be spent on Brixham Stronger Together's mental health project providing out of hours support following the increase in mental health issues relating to COVID. More money might be needed at a later stage depending on demand.</p>
20100	<p>Community Bus Network Cllr Giles gave an update following a meeting with TCDT about the possibility of working in partnership to look at the feasibility of a community bus, through a subscription service covering one or two routes. The alternative would be for Brixham Town Council to set up and operate this service. Cllr Giles asked if another Member would join Cllrs Giles and Hoggart in the group.</p> <p>The working group will continue to work with Anthony Mangnall MP and TCDT to look at how bus service can continue to be provided to the community as well as the wider nationwide issue of subsidy for bus passes.</p> <p>Cllr Giles reported that it is also important to work with Torbay Council and to date the Town Council has not been invited to any meetings regarding this subject as requested at the Full Council meeting of 2nd June 2020.</p>
20101	<p>Community Recovery Plan Cllr Hoggart advised that the plan now has some more additions such as cycle racks and charging for electric bikes, illuminations for the night time economy, devise ways of helping youth employment, power washing to remove chewing gum etc and more floral displays and to prioritise these into short medium and long term actions at the next meeting also to engage the wider community such as fishing industry,</p>

	hospitality, manufacturing and agriculture so we get some input from the different sectors.
20102	<p>Torbay's Resource and Waste Strategy Consultation A discussion took place with many Councillors voicing their concern that the document did not look at all elements and it was focused on money saving. Cllr Giles brought up the use of solar panelled bins with support from other councillors. It was resolved to write a letter to Torbay Council rather than engage with the consultation raising the concerns mentioned in the meeting. All agreed.</p> <p><i>It was resolved to extend the meeting for 30 minutes.</i></p>
20103	<p>Telephone and Broadband It was resolved to follow the recommendation in report 30-2020 to move the existing contracts to Connexin.</p>
20104	<p>Town Lengthsman The Clerk reported that having two full time lengthsman is successful and many parts of Brixham have benefited from the work they are doing. The Council office is reporting a lot of their work on social media and this has resulted in good feedback and further requests for work to be done.</p> <p><u>Gardening Assistance Scheme</u> Many of those who have registered for the scheme do not have an external access to their gardens. However, the Lengthsman Supervisor is keen to launch the scheme and this will be done in two phases. The first phase will be concentrating on those who do have external access to their gardens. The second phase will be those that do not have external access to their gardens.</p>
20105	<p>Co-option It was resolved that the Town Clerk should publicise the co-option vacancies as soon as practically possible, should an election not be called.</p>
20106	<p>Date of next meeting Date of next meeting is scheduled 19th November, time to be confirmed.</p>
20107	<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
Solar powered bins		Cllr Giles
Regeneration Questions		Cllr Hoggart
Community Bus network		Cllr Giles
Community Recovery Plan		Cllrs Giles / Hoggart

20108	Exclusion of Press It was resolved to exclude the public and press.
20109	Confidential Notes The confidential notes of 15.09.20 were resolved and signed as a correct record with the amendment that members' grave concern that each of the business plan consultants had added a caveat that the figures were not to be relied on due to unknown financial affects due to the coronavirus affect.

The meeting closed at 16:35 pm

Chairperson Date.....