



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11th November 2020 at 2.30pm

Present	Cllrs Addison, Haddock, Hoggart, Giles, Massey, Laurie.
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, Linda McGuirk, Deputy Town Clerk, Councillor Steve Leach and one member of the public.
Welcome	Cllr Addison opened the meeting.
Members of the Public	<p>A representative of Shoalstone Pool attended and gave an update to members on the work being carried out behind the scenes at the pool.</p> <p>Members were advised that finance and general revenue costs are finally being covered by their income.</p> <p>The north deck and tank continue to suffer from damage and it is believed there are increasing cavity issues underneath the pool. There are various options available to resolve the issues and a ballpark figure was given for the various different options: Circa £10,000 to patch repair, £30,000 to survey and repair or £50,000 to make substantial repairs including the sea wall.</p> <p>Ways to increase revenue were being considered including laying hard standing for additional beach huts.</p> <p>A request was made for the Town Council to continue maintaining a contingency fund for the pool during budget setting for the 2021/22 period.</p> <p>Members discussed methods of repair, crowdfunding and future plans.</p>
20040	Apologies for absence through the Clerk None.
20041	Declarations of Interest Cllr Leech declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 due to his commitments with Youth Genesis. Cllr Laurie declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 due to her commitments with Shoalstone Pool CIC.
20042	Minutes The minutes of 21.10.20 were resolved and signed as a correct record.

20043	<p>Accounts for Payment Members considered the approval list and raised questions which were answered by the clerk. It was resolved that the Clerk can make the payments.</p>
20044	<p>Financial Budget Comparison The report was noted. No queries were raised. Any significant changes should be highlighted for future meetings.</p>
20045	<p>Asset List The list of assets were noted and it was suggested that the allotment sites should be added to the list.</p>
20046	<p>Budget Members discussed the budget and debated the implications of increasing the precept given the current pandemic.</p> <p>During the debate Cllr Giles reminded members that a solution towards the current transport issue needs to be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Addison advised an increase in line with interest rate and the cost of living index must be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Leach voiced it would be a backward step to reduce the lengthsman budget.</p> <p>Cllr Hoggart stated this must be a savings budget, look at priority areas and make large savings, must be a savings based budget further adding the recovery plan must be costed in.</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of carrying out a public consultation and noted timescales are tight if a consultation is to be included in the January 2021 Signal.</p> <p>Cllr Leach left the meeting at 15:30 due to work commitments.</p> <p>It was resolved the Clerk will produce a list outlining essential expenditure and circulate to members.</p>
20047	<p>Date of Next Meeting It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for two weeks, date tbc.</p>

The meeting closed at 15:50pm

Chairperson Date.....