



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15th September 2021 at Brixham Town Hall at 6.00pm

Present	Cllrs Addison, Blackmore, Giles, Hoggart and Massey.
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk and Cllr Haddock
Welcome	Cllr Blackmore opened the meeting
Members of the Public	No members of the public

21084	Election of Chairperson It was resolved to elect Cllr Blackmore as Chairperson. The Clerk advised that as Cllr Blackmore was the Vice Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson will need to be elected at the next meeting.
21085	Apologies for absence through the Clerk Apologies received from Cllr Regan. At the request of Cllr Regan, Cllr Haddock was substitute.
21086	Declarations of Interest None.
21087	Minutes The minutes of the F&GP on 18.08.21 was resolved and signed as a correct record.
21088	Accounts for Payment Members considered the accounts paid by BACS and agreed the accounts to be paid as set out in the Expenditure Transaction Approval Lists. It was resolved to approve the expenditure list.
21089	Income Members noted the Income Transaction Approval List for the period ending 9 th September 2021.
21090	Personnel <u>2021/22 budget update</u> The budget was noted. Concern was raised that the Council had not further discussed the vacant position. It was agreed that the Clerk and the Committee Chairperson discuss the position and report back to the next Committee.

	<p><u>2022/23 Budget</u> It was resolved that the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022/23 budget proposal is noted • Members Allowance is reduce to £500 <p><u>Apprenticeship</u> It was noted that the Clerk has requested the post is readvertised.</p>
<p>21091</p>	<p>2023/23 Budget Members were advised that the group had considered items that they would like to be included. Committees have all agreed on their budget requirements. The Task and Finish Groups are still to feed into the Budget group. However, it was noted that there is a need for them to obtain quotes and this can be time consuming.</p>
<p>21092</p>	<p>Town Hall Regeneration Task and Finish Group Cllr Hoggart reported that they last met on 15th September and looked in some detail at the results of the consultation. The results indicated that the community would like the Town Hall to be restored to a Community Arts and Entertainment complex.</p> <p>The Group are looking to carry out future consultations and intend to have a stall at the Town Hall reopening event on 23rd October with a further event with Councillors to discuss their individual views. The Group also hope to consult with local schools and youth groups.</p> <p>The Group are keen to ensure that essential maintenance continues whilst the regeneration is discussed and are focussing on the external appearance of the building. Works will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of windows • Replacement / repairing of doors • Removal of redundant fire escape <p>In addition, they will also seek expert opinion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scala Hall acoustics • Asbestos removal • Scala Hall column removal <p>The Group have not looked at expenditure, but will be obtaining quotes for maintenance works as well as opportunities to reduce the overheads in the future. The next meeting will be at the beginning of October and they will start to discuss criteria to enable Officers to obtain quotes.</p> <p>The Group requested that the Committee resolve to the following to enable them to keep moving forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) not selling all or part of the Town Hall complex as part of this project b) not proceeding with the previous proposal for housing in the old Police Houses

	<p>c) moving forward with a project to develop the Town Hall principally as a Community Arts and Entertainment complex, with some ancillary BTC administration space</p> <p>d) drafting a briefing document for structural engineers, which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current state of the building (including the car park & external areas) and any issues arising • the viability and potential impact of the suggestion that the existing pillars in the Scala Hall be removed <p>Concerns were raised that the group had not produced sufficient information for the Committee to make an informed decision and the Committee therefore agreed in principle with the direction of travel of the Task and Finish Group.</p>	
21093	Premises Licence It was resolved to accept the recommendation to expand the premises licence to include the Theatre Auditorium.	
21094	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for 20 th October at 6pm.	
21095	Items for future agenda Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas, giving details of why the Council should consider the item.	
Item	Reason	Proposed by
Information Technology	Councillor tablets were purchased for a specific task and are not suitable for the current requirements. This should also include suitable technical equipment suitable for recording meetings. Meeting: Budget T&F Group	Cllr Addison
Investment	Borrowing for investment projects ie Park and Ride Meeting: BPNP T&F Group	Cllr Haddock
Town Hall Regeneration	Report from the Town Hall Regeneration T&F Group meeting Meeting: F&GP Committee	Cllr Hoggart

The meeting closed at 19.25

Chairperson Date.....