



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Brixham Town Hall at 6.00pm

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs Addison, Blackmore, Haddock, Massey, Okurut and Regan
<b>In attendance</b>	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk
<b>Welcome</b>	Cllr Blackmore opened the meeting
<b>Members of the Public</b>	Three members of the public in attendance

<b>22001</b>	<b>Apologies for absence through the Clerk</b> Apologies received from Cllr Swain. Cllr Okurut advised that she would need to leave the meeting by 19:45 if it had not finished.
<b>22002</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Okurut advised she has a non-pecuniary interest in item 9C: Shoalstone Pool grant application.
<b>22003</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the F&GP on 15.12.21 was <b>resolved</b> and signed as a correct record.
<b>22004</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b> 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 <b>resolved</b> to approve the expenditure list.
<b>22005</b>	<b>Income</b> Members noted the Income Transaction Approval List for the period ending 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.
<b>22006</b>	<b>Financial Budget Comparison</b> Members noted the financial budget comparison for the period ending 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.
<b>22007</b>	<b>2022/23 Budget</b> A general discussion took place on the budget following on from the discussions that took place at the last F&GP meeting.  Praise was given to the Council Officers for raising the profile of the Town Hall and increasing the room hire bookings.  It was <b>resolved</b> to recommend to Full Council a precept of £379,600.

<p><b>22008</b></p>	<p><b>Grants</b>  <u>South Devon Players</u>  <i>It was <b>resolved</b> to suspend Standing Orders.</i></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to award South Devon Players a grant of £1,000 to support the group to hire theatre space.</p> <p><u>Brixham Pirate Festival</u>  Councillors discussed that Brixham Pirates received a grant in 2020 for their festival, but were not able to hold the event due to COVID. At the time, the Pirate Festival contacted the Town Council and the Council agreed, they could hold on to the funding for a future event.</p> <p>A representative from Brixham Pirate Festival advised that they used the funding to enable the festival to survive through COVID.</p> <p>First motion: To award £3,500; proposed by Cllr Haddock and seconded by Cllr Massey</p> <p>Second motion: To award £5,000; proposed by Cllr Regan and seconded by Cllr Okurut.</p> <p>A vote took place and the second motion was carried with 4 for and 2 against.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to award Brixham Pirate Festival £5,000 to be taken from the Community Recovery Fund to support the festival to recover from COVID.</p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to reinstate Standing Orders.</i></p> <p><u>Shoalstone Seawater Pool</u>  Concerns were raised that £40,000 had already been given and a discussion took place on whether the pool was financially sustainable. Councillors were reminded that the £40,000 had been held in the Council's ear marked reserves for pool maintenance and there was a remaining balance of £4,420.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to drawdown the Shoalstone Pool Maintenance ear marked reserves with a further £8,580 to be awarded from the grants budget, totalling £13,000.</p>
<p><b>22009</b></p>	<p><b>Designated Premises Supervisor</b>  A discussion took place on the options available to the Council for the sale of alcohol in the premises.</p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to suspend Standing Orders to enable the Council to ask the representative from the Theatre questions.</i></p> <p>Further discussions took place on questioning the need to have a Designated Management Committee in comparison to a Designated Premises Supervisor.</p>

	<p>The Clerk reminded Councillors that the current DPS is not associated with the Town Council. However, the Town Council is still responsible for the Premises Licence.</p> <p><i>Cllr Okurut left the chamber at 19:55.</i>  <i>It was <b>resolved</b> to extend the meeting for a further 20 minutes.</i></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the DPS can be a volunteer of Brixham Theatre. However, Councillors were reminded that they still have a responsibility for the Premises Licence.</p> <p>It was further <b>resolved</b> that the Council should consider how they can make the Town Hall sustainable for future hiring of the function rooms including the sale of alcohol.</p> <p>For: 4; Against: 0; Abstained: 1</p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to reinstate Standing Orders.</i></p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to extend the meeting for a further 10 minutes.</i></p>	
<b>22010</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.</p>	
<b>22011</b>	<p><b>Items for future agenda</b>  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>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>
Investment	Borrowing for investment projects ie Park and Ride Meeting: BPNP T&F Group	Cllr Haddock
<b>22012</b>	<p><b>Excluding Members of the Public and Press</b>  It was <b>resolved</b> to exclude members of the public and press due to the nature of the business to be transacted.</p>	

The meeting closed at 20:29

Chairperson ..... Date.....