



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 28th March 2022 at 6:00pm in the Function Room, Brixham Town Hall

Present	Councillors R Haddock (C), J Regan (VC) and S Leech.
In attendance	Tracy Hallett (Town Clerk) and Ross Green (Deputy Town Clerk).
Welcome	Cllr Haddock opened the meeting.
Public Questions	None

22015	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Addison and Cllr Okurut.
22016	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda. None
22017	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 23.01.22 were resolved and signed as a true record.
22018	In Bloom <u>To hear a update from the In Bloom Group from Cllr Leach.</u> Minutes from the previous two In Bloom meetings were summarised. The support proposed from Brixham Town Council has been well received. Comments from the judging in 2021 highlighted that the Town Hall displays showed a commitment, it was felt by the judges that the Lengthsmen were a valuable addition and they wanted more information about the spring planting and any fundraising taking place. Judging criteria for 2022 is 40% in community involvement, 30% in environmental and 30% in achievement in the garden. The group have submitted their estimate for funding to the Town Council. Cllr Leach noted that there was a challenge from the In Bloom Group about placing the sign outside the Churston Farm Shop. Cllr Haddock clarified that at the committee meeting on 24 TH January 2022 it was resolved to rescind the decision to install a permanent gold sign at the entrance to Churston Farm Shop and instead erect it at the Town Hall with funds coming from the Community Recovery Fund. Cllr Leach advised that he had raised those comments at the In Bloom Group meeting.
22019	Watering floral displays, a review. Report 60a-2021 Members considered the recommendations as shown in report 60a-2021.

	<p>Cllr Leach asked that the traders in Middle Street continue to receive some support with watering until the water butts are in place.</p> <p>It was resolved to support the recommendations contained in Report 60a-2021. The Community & Environment Committee recommends to Full Council, that Brixham Town Council:</p> <p>Reduce the watering support in Middle Street, which can be done by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating £1,500 - £2,000 from the Community Recovery Fund for the supply of a water harvesting scheme to support Middle Street Traders to be more self-sufficient. • Ask the Town Hall Regeneration Task and Finish Group to consider rain water harvesting as part of the regeneration project. • Continue watering displays in Fore Street, the Town Hall and the 3 telephone boxes. • Continue to research the market for a suitable rain water harvesting system for the telephone boxes.
<p>22020</p>	<p>Lengthsmen</p> <p>a) <u>To discuss and consider a report on works completed for the period 11th January 2022 to 14th March 2022.</u></p> <p>Councillors noted the works completed by the Lengthsmen.</p> <p>Cllr Haddock raised concerns that jobs around Pillar Avenue were being completed on private footpaths.</p> <p>The Town Clerk assured that work is only being completed on public footpaths.</p> <p>Cllr Haddock asked if a larger trailer should be considered to reduce the amount of trips being undertaken to the recycling centre.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk advised that research is taking place for a second vehicle for the Lengthsmen service. The specification is for a utility vehicle with a mesh cage on the back which could carry more green waste and reduce the regular trips to the recycling centre.</p> <p>b) <u>To review the 2021-22 budget.</u></p> <p>The budget was noted.</p>
<p>22021</p>	<p>Policies</p> <p>Members considered the Climate and Environment Actions Points and discussed the short, medium and long term aims.</p> <p>Councillors requested that photos be submitted of any wildflower seeding to support the portfolio for the In Bloom Group. They would also like to see a sign put in place on any wildflower verges sown by the Lengthsmen to show it's been completed by Brixham Town Council.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk advised that a questionnaire has been circulated via Social Media seeking input from residents and businesses for new and</p>

	<p>innovative sustainability ideas that can shape our action points. The document will be a working document that is regularly reviewed.</p> <p>Councillors were in agreement with the short, medium and long term aims identified in the Climate and Environment Action Points.</p>
<p>22022</p>	<p>Projects</p> <p>a) <u>Queens Green Canopy. Report 09-2022 – To discuss and consider.</u></p> <p>Members considered the recommendations and it was resolved to support the recommendations contained in Report 09-2022. The Community & Environment Committee recommends to Full Council, that Brixham Town Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreement to the revised cost of £510 to purchase and install a bench and a plaque beside the tree to commemorate the occasion. 2. To purchase Mason Bees and Ladybirds for Bug Hotels across all allotment sites owned by the Town Council, and Mason Bees to the Town Hall. The anticipated cost will be £540 and can be taken from the Community Projects fund. <p>b) <u>Floral Displays – To hear an update.</u></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk advised the flowers for the floral display have been ordered and are due to arrive at the start of May. The flowers will be in red, white and blue, contributing towards Brixham Town Council’s celebrations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Westcountry Baskets are providing the service this year.</p> <p>c) <u>Bunting / Fore Street Display. Report 13-2022 – To discuss and consider.</u></p> <p>Councillors commented on the positive appearance a Summer Display would give the town centre. Members considered the recommendations and it was resolved to accept the recommendations within:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a Summer Display in Fore Street and retain a bunting display in Middle Street.
<p>22023</p>	<p>Allotments. Report 12-2022</p> <p>To discuss and consider the recommendations shown in report 12-2022.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the recommendations within:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brixham Town Council will continue to review existing allotment boundaries and explore reducing larger plots into smaller manageable areas if the opportunity arises to increase availability and minimise the waiting time. 2. Brixham Town Council to develop a ‘Community Gardening’ guidance document to support residents in creating community growing spaces.
<p>22024</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To note the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for the 23rd May 2022.</p>

22025	<p>Items for future agendas</p> <p>Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas, giving details of why the Council should consider the item. See table at the end of the minutes.</p>
22026	<p>Exclusion of the Public and Press</p> <p>That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted</p> <p>It was resolved to exclude the public and press.</p>

Item	Reason	Proposed by
Wildflower verges	Update	Cllr Haddock
America Lane – Cycle Path	Update	Cllr Leach
Enlarge the zebra crossing on Kings Street – Shared Space (P&R)		Cllr Leach
Tree Planting (P&R)		Cllr Regan
Sustran (P&R)		Cllr Leach

The meeting closed at 19:01

Chairperson Date.....