



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council held at Brixham Town Hall on 13th April 2022 at 6.00pm

Present	Cllrs P Addison, D Blackmore, R Haddock, S Laurie, S Leech, A Massey, W Okurut, M Roseveare, J Regan and O Swain
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, one member of the public and two co-opted applicants.
Welcome	Councillor Addison opened the meeting.
Public Participation	A member of the public addressed the Council requesting the Town Council hold a strategic view taken by Brixham Town Council bringing together as many organisations in the town as possible to discuss how the Town Council can defend the town against over development.
22039	Apologies for absence through the Clerk. Members were advised that Cllr Swain will be approximately 30-40 minutes late.
22040	To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on the 9th March 2022. The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th March 2022 were resolved and signed as a correct record.
22041	Declarations of Interest None. Cllr Roseveare advised that he had a non-pecuniary interest on item six of the agenda.
22042	Standing Orders It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders.
22043	Co-option Members were advised that as the number of Candidates equalled the number of vacancies, the Council are required to appoint the candidates to the Council. The candidates were invited to introduce themselves to the Council and why they want to be on the Council. It was resolved to appoint Carol Gray and Christopher Simmonds to the Council. The Declarations of Office were signed. <i>Cllr Okurut entered the chamber</i>
22044	Standing Orders It was resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.

<p>22045</p>	<p>Brixham Bus Network <u>To hear an update on the Brixham Bus Network</u> The Town Clerk advised that Torbay Council had agreed to cover the cost of the bus network in the interim which was subject to funding from the Government to secure the bus network for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p>Councillors raised concern that Devon County Council received funding, but Torbay Council did not. The Town Clerk was asked to bring this up during her next meeting with Torbay Council Chief Executive.</p> <p><u>To nominate a Town Council representative on the Torbay Bus Forum</u> Members considered the recommendation from the Planning and Regeneration Committee to appoint a Councillor on the Torbay Bus Forum. As no Councillor volunteered to represent the Council on the Torbay Bus Forum, it was resolved that an Officer should attend in the short term until such time that a Councillor agrees to attend the meetings.</p> <p>It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to enable a member of the public to address the Council.</p> <p>The member of the public asked the Town Clerk to advise Councillors what was involved in attending the Torbay Bus Forum. The Town Clerk gave an overview of the Forum.</p> <p>Members were further advised that Cllr Morey has contacted the office to notify that it was hoped that Torbay Council will be making an announcement next week in respect of the Bus Network.</p> <p>It was resolved to reinstate Standing Orders.</p>
<p>22046</p>	<p>Finance and General Purposes Committee Recommendations It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct.</p>
<p>22047</p>	<p>Community and Environment Committee Recommendations <u>To discuss and consider the following recommendations for the Queens Green Canopy.</u> Councillors asked that the Town Clerk checks with the organisation that the location at the Town Hall identified is suitable for the Mason Bees.</p> <p>A Councillor raised concern that the Mason Bees could affect any works to the external elevations of the Town Hall. The Clerk advised that the bees will be placed at the Town Hall for the season and when they going into hibernation, they are sent back to the guardian project and the Council can manage the works on the Town Hall around these timelines.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the following recommendations: a) revised cost of £510 to purchase and install a bench and a plaque beside the tree to commemorate the occasion b) 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>

22048	<p>Ward Councillors Reports No Ward Councillors were in attendance.</p> <p>The Town Clerk was asked if a new meeting had been arranged by Torbay Council for the Planning Committee meeting in respect of the Upton Manor Farm Campsite. The Town Clerk advised that she had not been notified, but was monitoring the situation.</p> <p>Concern was raised that Torbay Council were limited on time to rearrange their Planning Committee meeting.</p>
22049	<p>Committee Reports <u>Finance and General Purposes</u> The Vice Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Committee had approved the finances and agreed new bank signatories.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Committee thanked the Vice Chairperson for his support whilst he was unavailable.</p> <p><u>Planning and Regeneration</u> The Chairperson of the Committee reported that Planning applications and two licensing applications were considered.</p> <p>The Committee are also working with a consultant to strengthen the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan during its refresh. The Committee is keen for additional support and interaction from the community. There is a need to include additional items where possible, but taking into consideration lessons learnt from other Towns across the Country and therefore not include items that could be legally challenged.</p> <p>The Committee also considered highways issues including the speed limit along Gillard Road entering into Berry Head, Fore Street enforcement and parking on New Road.</p> <p><i>Cllr Swain entered the chamber.</i></p> <p><u>Community and Environment</u> Most of the items that had been considered at the meeting were included on the Full Council agenda. Other item that was discussed included the wildflower verge project.</p>
22050	<p>Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting, scheduled for 11th May 2022 at 6pm, was noted. Cllr Simmonds gave his apologies for the next meeting</p>
22051	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Massey - Shoalstone update 2. Cllr Massey - Updates on meetings with Torbay Council 3. Cllr Leech – Project progress updates: Cycle Routes & Cycle Parking

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Cllr Haddock – Police update or Police Liaison Councillor to give a report 5. Cllr Haddock – Possible sponsorship for a Ukrainian family relocated to Brixham 6. Cllr Leech – presentation to hear about the White Ribbon Campaign 7. Cllr Blackmore – Report from Torbay Harbour Authority on their strategic plans for the harbour 8. Shared space – ie Kings Street zebra crossing (P&R)
22052	<p>Exclusion of Public and Press It was resolved to exclude the press and public due to the nature of the discussions about to take place.</p>

The meeting closed at 19:20

Chairperson Date.....