



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 18th July 2022 at 6:00pm in the Function Room, Brixham Town Hall

Present	Councillors R Haddock (C), P Addison (VC), J Regan, S Leech, Susan Laurie and W Okurut.
In attendance	Ross Green (Deputy Town Clerk).
Welcome	Cllr Haddock opened the meeting.
Public Questions	None.

22028	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Swain.
22029	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda. None
22030	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 23.05.22 were resolved and signed as a true record.
22031	Electric Scooter/ Bike Hire (Cllr Leech) Cllr Leech proposed that the Town Council explore the introduction of a trial e-scooter scheme in Brixham in advance of the change in legislation. Such a scheme would help reduce our carbon footprint, improve access into the town for a broad range of ages and abilities, and support the Town Council's declared climate emergency. Members raised concerns about the safety of e-scooters and potential nuisance for other road users if they were introduced. Members were positive about e-bikes and the associated benefits.
22032	Cycle Parking (Cllr Addison) Cllr Addison proposed that a proportion of the money reserved for cycle parking in the town centre is used to purchase cycle parking at Pillar Avenue, the Co-op on Great Rea, and the shops St Marys Square. The money reserved for the cycle parking has not been used as Torbay Council have not confirmed that the identified locations have been approved. It was requested that Cllr Addison seek the appropriate permission in writing from the landowner at Pillar Avenue to have the cycle parking installed. It was resolved to make a complaint to the Leader and Chief Executive of Torbay Council because they have failed to respond in an appropriate time to

	<p>the Town Council's request to install cycle parking at agreed locations within the town.</p>
22033	<p>Litter issue at Astley Park (Cllr Simmonds)</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Town Council had received an email from a resident with concerns about litter in Astley Park, namely that it's not well maintained and rubbish is a hazard to users of the park.</p> <p>The Town Council have contacted Torbay Council to request an extra waste bin be installed at the entrance from Century Road, with a large number of students passing through the park from the college contact has been made with Brixham College to undertake a joint litter pick, and the Town Lengthsmen will be completing a litter pick prior to summer rugby camps during the school holidays.</p>
22034	<p>Events</p> <p>Members noted the event planner for the rest of the calendar year.</p>
22035	<p>Projects</p> <p>a) Trees at Wall Park Allotments</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there are Elm trees within Wall Park Allotment boundary that are dead and will need to be removed. The Town Council are currently seeking quotes from local contractors for the works to be completed.</p> <p>b) Wildflower Verges</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk advised that our Lengthsmen have identified 10 locations around Brixham for wild flowering. The wildflower planting scheme will involve stripping out the current vegetation to bare earth before any planting can be undertaken. Work on the 10 locations are already being planned into the work schedule for September and January 2023.</p> <p>c) Council Depot</p> <p>Brixham Town Council commenced the lease agreement for a new depot at Metherell Avenue at the start of July and the Lengthsmen have been busy preparing the unit ready to move equipment and materials from the current location. There are a few more steps to take before this takes place, including a fire risk assessment, electrical inspection and installation of CCTV and intruder alarm.</p>
22036	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To note the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for the 19th September 2022.</p>

22037	<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>
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Item	Reason	Proposed by

The meeting closed at 19:22

Chairperson Date.....