

Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at Brixham Town Hall on 15th June 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Addison, R Clarke, V Campbell, S Clutterbuck, M Morey & J Wilbraham.

Also present: Linda McGuirk, Assistant to the Town Clerk and two Members of the public.

Carole Morey and Sue Milner of the Friends of Furzeham Green spoke to the committee regarding the problems they are facing with watering the 3 large flower beds on Furzeham Green. Discussion was held over the viability of reconnecting the water to the disused toilet block, community asset transfer or the purchase of a water butt. Carole advised that any water butt purchased needed to meet EU regulations and would cost in the region of £1,600. Members suggested the Friends of Furzeham consider the options discussed. A grant application form was provided to the group.

15023. To elect a Chairperson.

Councillor Steve Clutterbuck was elected as Chair.

15024. To accept apologies through the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Stockman.

15025. Declarations of Interest

None. The declaration book was available to sign.

15026. To consider any requests for Dispensation on agenda items.

None.

15027. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2015 were **resolved** and signed by the Chairman.

15028. To hear an overview on Community Services.

The Clerk gave a brief outline of what the Community Services Committee does and some of the decisions made so far.

15029. To discuss and review the committee Terms of Reference.

The committee terms of reference were **agreed** with the following amendments:

- Point 12: to encourage all local groups to liaise and advertise events on the Town Council website and ensure regularly updated.
- Point 14: To liaise with the TDA, ERTC and all interested groups in advertising tourism and local events in Brixham.
- Add: Outstanding Sports Achievement Award
- Add: Fairtrade working group, to appoint two members onto the Fairtrade working group and receive reports back.
- A representative to attend the Events Forum and report back.

It was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council that the Community Services Committee should be responsible for the review of grant applications for money from the Council.

15030. To hear an update on the Christmas lights, switch on and Lantern Parade.

Christmas Lights:

- **Review alternative options for Fore Street:** Members were advised that following the previous decision made on cross street lighting in Fore Street, 3D options had become available. Members were shown a presentation on the new lighting options and it was **agreed** to proceed with images 1 and 4.

Switch on:

- It was **agreed** the cost of a pitch to trade on the Quay would remain the same as 2014 at £100 and previous traders would pay 15% of their takings.
- Members were informed that Paul Pickett of 'with a difference entertainments' had **agreed** to provide entertainment on the Quay free of charge this year.
- It was **agreed** to ask the Rotary Club if Father Christmas is available to Switch on the Christmas Lights. The Clerk was asked to contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if they had suggestions on how Father Christmas could arrive this year and be involved in the organisation.
- It was agreed the Clerk should email all Councillors the date of the Christmas events and request volunteers to assist Officers.
- Members were advised that that the quote from TOR2 for road closure signage had not yet been received and it was agreed to defer until the next meeting.

15031. To hear an update on the Christmas Market & to agree the Stallholders application form.

- The stallholders pack was reviewed and **agreed**.
- It was **agreed** to proceed with the subscription to the Christmas markets.com website at a reduced rate of £100.

15032. To hear an update for the Flood Risk Group.

Cllr R Clarke updated members on what the group do. It was **agreed** Cllrs Clarke and Clutterbuck would attend the Flood risk Group meetings and report back to the committee.

15033. To discuss progress and updates for the Brixham in Bloom.

- To consider provision of watering facilities for Furzeham Green. Discussion was held and the Friends of Furzeham Green were provided with a grant application form.
- Ten allotments have now been entered into TOR2 in Bloom competition.
- It was reported that two primary schools had lost all the plants they were growing to slugs over the half term break. Brixham C of E School have been successful and grown a large number of plants and also been involved in the planting of flower beds on Furzeham Green and St Marys Park. ACE have also returned plants.
- Friends of Brixham Library, Pride in Brixham, Friends of St Marys Park and Friends of Furzeham Green have all received plants.

15034. To hear an update from the Fairtrade Working Group.

Cllr Clarke informed members that the Fairtrade Working group had a 'Smoothie making bike' at the recent Healthy Living Fair in the Scala Hall. This had generated a lot of fun and interest. The date for the 2016 Fairtrade Fortnight has been agreed. The group are doing a talk and fun activities with ACE soon.

15035. To put forward items for the next Agenda

- Anchor to enhance the gateway to Brixham.
- Community Orchard.
- Update on Christmas Lights, Parade and Market.
- Update on Brixham in Bloom.
- Update on Fairtrade.
- Update on Flood Risk Group.

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Chairperson.....

Date.....

The next meeting will be Monday 27th July 2015.