



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Scala Hall, Brixham Town Hall; 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs P Addison, R Clarke, I Carr, S Clutterbuck, D Giles, M Morey, J Regan, J Stock, S Walker-Haworth & J Wilbraham.

**Attending:** Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk; 13 members of the public.

Questions raised by members of the public:

The ivy needs clearing around the seating area on Kings Street near Quayside Hotel.

**1676. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Campbell and Stockman.

**1677. Declarations of Interest.**

None.

The Declarations of interest register was available to sign.

**1678. Request for Dispensation.**

None.

**1679. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

The minutes of 11.06.15 and were **resolved** and signed as correct a record.

**1680. To present grant awards to Brixham Heritage Museum and Young Brixham.**

The following grants were awarded to their representatives.

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| Brixham Heritage Museum | £5,000.00 |
| Young Brixham           | £2,338.70 |

**1681. To hear the Police Report.**

Sgt S Cayliss had sent his apologies, but forwarded a copy of the police report which is attached to these minutes.

**1682. To hear and discuss any report from Shoalstone Pool Ltd.**

Cllr Clarke reported that a meeting had been held on 30<sup>th</sup> June where it was agreed to appoint a Director of Finance (Cllr Stock) and Treasurer (Mr A Heard). The finances are depleting due to no income. Banners had been purchased to help advertise the pool. They are currently losing water due to ineffective pumps. Funds were being raised through the sale of art deco print of Pool.

**1683. To agree the Shoalstone Car Park Management Agreement Heads of Terms.**

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk could proceed with signing the Heads of Terms subject to the following:

(A) That there is an opportunity of opting out of the Management Agreement.

(B) That the Town Clerk works closely with Cllrs Carr and Clarke.

It was further **resolved** to give delegated powers to the Town Clerk to sign the Lease once it is ready subject to working closely with Cllrs Carr and Clarke.

- 1684. To agree to sign the Lease for the Shoalstone Cafe.**  
Councillors had been provided with a copy of the lease prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk could sign the lease and return it to the Solicitors.
- 1685. To agree to sign the Agreement relating to the letting of premises at Shoalstone Pool from Brixham Swimming Club.**  
Councillors had been provided with a copy of the agreement prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk could sign the agreement.
- 1686. To consider a request from Frome Town Council.**  
It was agreed that the request from Frome Town Council was unclear and that the Clerk should contact Frome for further information on what was required before a decision could be made.
- 1687. To consider the recommendation from the Community Services Committee.**  
It was agreed to defer this decision until April due to the F&GP Committee Terms of Reference had already been agreed in May, which included grant applications.
- 1688. To consider ways in which the Town Council can hold meaningful discussions with organisations and Brixham Residents.**  
It was reported that Councillor Surgeries will be in at Chestnut Community Centre and St. Mary's Church Hall on a bi-monthly basis. The dates of which are yet to be agreed. It was **agreed** to refer this to the Community Services Committee for further discussion.
- 1689. To consider recommendations from the Strategy Working Group regarding BrixhamFuture.**  
Members discussed the proposals from the Strategy Working Group and it was **resolved** to agree with the proposed recommendations. See appendix one.
- 1690. To discuss the Town Council's future relationship with Torbay Council and to consider motion proposed by Cllr Giles.**  
Following discussions, it was **resolved** to write to the Mayor and invite him, along with Torbay Council Senior Officers and Brixham Ward Councillors to a meeting to discuss and agree a framework for constructive dialogue and action in Brixham.
- 1691. To discuss the Government Support Grant**  
It was agreed that it would be highly unlikely that Torbay Council would hand over this year's Government Support Grant, but the Council should continue to lobby for next years. Members were advised that NALC had set up a Task and Finish Group working with Town and Parish Councils to collate information to gather evidence to form a national lobbying strategy. It was **agreed** to invite Dr S Wollaston to the next Full Council meeting to discuss further.
- 1692. To hear the Chairperson's Report**  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Attended the Trawler Race on board the Safety Boat  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Attended the Seamans Mission Service on The Quay, gave a Reading and laid a floral wreath at sea on behalf of the Town Council.  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Attended the Neighbourhood Forum meeting at Lupton House.  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Attended the BrixhamFuture meeting  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Greeted the South West in Bloom RHS Judges at Lupton House and attended part of the Brixham judging route.

**1693. To hear reports from the Committee Chairpersons**

Community Services Committee: Cllr Clutterbuck reported that the Lantern Parade and Market will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The Committee had been looking at new lights in Fore Street, which is saving the Council some money. Brixham Town Council had entered some allotments and encouraged Schools and Community Groups to enter the Bay Bloom and South West in Bloom competitions. Pride in Brixham had been working in the Town Centre and this was due to complete shortly.

Planning Committee: Cllr Carr reported that the committee had discussed recent planning applications and highways issues, including the traffic lights at Bolton Cross. TOR2 is due to start the road widening works at New Road / Market Street on 7<sup>th</sup> September and this will take approximately 12 weeks.

F&GP Committee: Cllr Stock reported that the committee had reviewed all income and expenditure. Had considered grant applications, reviewed utility bills and discussed the removal of an underused boiler. There were currently allotment issues being dealt with at Wall Park and the members had been agreed for the Town Hall Sub Committee. The committee also discussed the regeneration of the Town Hall and agreed that BrixhamFuture should be asked to look at the regeneration of the Town Hall.

Evaluation Committee: Cllr Clarke reported that there had not been a recent Evaluation Committee. The next one is due on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

**1694. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports**

Cllr Ellery reported that he was attending on behalf of the five ward Councillors. He confirmed that Rockfish are paying a commercial lease and that the lighthouse at the end of the Breakwater is being painted, and not removed.

He went on to report parking issues at Mathill Road and that the Ward Councillors were working closely with the Police to put a proposal in to Torbay Council Highways. Cllr Ellery also raised his concerns on items he had witnessed at Shoalstone Pool and complaints he had received.

Cllr Morey reported Brixham issues raised at Torbay Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Town Centre development and that further information will be provided at the Neighbourhood Forum meetings. He went on to report that a motion he had proposed in Torbay that there should be an early referendum on the future of the mayor and that this proposal was being voted on at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

*Cllr V Campbell joined the meeting*

**1695. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports**

Cllr Addison – nothing to report

Cllr Clarke – Torbay Fairtrade Steering Group had gained its accreditation. Admiral Swim Company Ltd was producing a business plan to work towards becoming self sufficient as funding from Torbay Council may be reduced or withdrawn. Prices increased. They are considering having solar panels fitted. Problems with floor of pool is ongoing. Most swimming lessons slots full. Floor of extension to be painted and extraction fan fitted. Reception and front of building to be smartened up.

Cllr Carr – nothing to report

Cllr Campbell – nothing to report

Cllr Clutterbuck – Attended the Chamber of Commerce AGM where the Mayor discussed his idea of bringing a light railway into Brixham and he attend the Events Form and heard about the forthcoming events around Torbay.

Cllr Giles – Attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting where it was advised that the Sunday markets are successful and they are looking to increase the number of Sundays.

Cllr Wilbraham – Attended the Higher Chestnut Centre meeting as substitute for Cllr Giles. The committee is dedicated with promoting and maintaining the centre as an asset to the community.

The Foodbank on average is providing for 130 people per month, plus babies, children and pets. They need more food, including fresh produce.

**1696. To present items for the next agenda**

None

**1697. Emergency Item: Shoalstone Pool Employees**

It was **resolved** that due to the confidential nature of the business about to be undertaken the press and public be excluded from the meeting. The members of the press and public left the chamber

Members discussed issues relating to the Pool Manager and a debate took place, including reviewing confidential information relating to misconduct issues. The following motion was proposed and seconded:

That Brixham Town Council recommends to Shoalstone Pool Limited that the present Pool Manager is dismissed due to his gross misconduct and that no Pool Manager is appointed by Shoalstone Pool Limited until approved by Brixham Town Council.

A recorded vote was requested.

*For the Motion:*

Cllrs Addison, Campbell, Carr, Clarke, Giles, Morey, Regan, Walker-Haworth & Wilbraham

*Against the Motion:*

None

*Abstained:*

Cllrs Clutterbuck & Stock

The motion was carried.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

**Chairperson .....**

**Date.....**

## Appendix One

### BTC STRATEGY GROUP/BRIXHAM FUTURE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

Brixham Town Council Strategy Group and the Brixham Future Working Group, in recognition that the existing structure of the latter organisation is not able to deliver results on the basis of remaining a working group of the council jointly make the following recommendations for consideration by Full Council at its forthcoming meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

- That Brixham Future is given the widest possible latitude to come up with the format for a Community Interest Company (CIC) that they wish to bring into existence.
- The target date for the proposal of the outline CIC plan to BTC will be the Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting that is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
- Unless significant questions arise from the proposal the P&R Committee will recommend the formation of the CIC either at either a special session, if it is deemed to be necessary by the members or at the next Full Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

BTC and BF are agreed that the following principles will provide the basis for the company to be formed:-

1. Recognition that Brixham Town Council is the lead organisation on regeneration matters in the community and that all projects must be agreed between the two partners and outside bodies where necessary, before such projects may be launched.
2. Brixham Future are able to make recommendations on the initiation of small projects up to a limit of \_\_\_\_\_, identifying in each case where the funding is to come from and present their case to the next Planning and Regeneration Committee meeting following the completion of the preparatory work. BF will be provided with dates of all P&R meetings so that they are able to target dates for presentation.
3. Unless any specific issues require clarification the Planning and Regeneration Committee are to make a recommendation to the next Full Council meeting about the acceptance or otherwise of the project where, unless a member of the full council has a question that may require clarification, or it is agreed that a public consultation about the project should take place prior to any decision, an outcome will be determined at the said Full Council meeting. BF will be provided with dates of all Full Council meetings so that they are aware when project decisions are being made.
4. All projects that exceed the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and which may require the assistance of other agencies and partners will be prepared in the same manner as small projects and handed over to BTC for further development with all partners including BF.
5. Recommendations and ideas which have arisen out of the What Next For Brixham Conference in November 2013, the Community Partnership Public Meeting in February 2015 and the recent public meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June will form the basis of Brixham Future's initial deliberations for projects that may be brought forward for consideration.
6. BTC will require at least one fully prepared scheme to be on the table in time for consideration by the Planning and Regeneration Committee at their 7th September 2015 meeting.
7. The membership of Brixham Future will include the following persons and groups – the Mayor of Torbay, 8xBrixham Future, inclusive of its officers, the Business Leader of Torbay Council, 1 member of the TEDC, a minimum of 2 members of BTC, and

one member each from Brixham Chamber of Commerce and the Neighbourhood Forum – a total of 15.

8. BF and BTC will seek the support of Brixham Community Partnership when requiring a public consultation meeting.
9. One of Brixham Future's 8 members will present a report to each meeting of the Full Council.

These recommendations and principles were agreed by the following participants in a joint BTC Strategy Group/Brixham Future meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Furzeham Room at Brixham Town Hall:-

Paul Addison, Ian Carr, Keith Dodd, David Giles, Mart Gortschalk, Nigel Makin, Pauline Neal, Jill Regan, Jessica Stock, Sophie Walker-Haworth and Meg Wild