



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Scala Hall, Brixham Town Hall; 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllrs P Addison, V Campbell, R Clarke, S Clutterbuck, D Giles, J Regan, J Stock, S Walker-Haworth & J Wilbraham.

**Attending:** Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk; and 10 members of the public.

### Questions / Issues raised by members of the public:

1. Should the Town Council make some proposals, debate them, vote on them and then share those decisions with the rest of the Neighbourhood Forum?
2. Should the Town Council find ways to relive staff of some of their regular duties so that they can devote some of their skills to help produce the final draft?
3. Please can you explain to the public about the Community Infrastructure Levy?
4. Concerns raised that the Neighbourhood Plan is low on the Town Council's agenda and that it is crucial that there is more involvement from the Town Council.

**Norman McNamara, founder of the Purple Angel Campaign presented the Town Council with the Purple Angel Status.**

### **1709. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Morey and J Stockman.

### **1710. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Addison, Carr, Giles and Regan declared interest on BrixhamFuture. The Declarations of interest register was available to sign.

### **1711. Request for Dispensation.**

None.

### **1712. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015.**

The minutes of 03.09.15 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record.

### **1713. To hear the Police Report.**

Cllr P Addison read out the Crime Figures from the Police Report.

### **1714. To present a grant cheque to Brixham Foodbank.**

No representative was available to collect the grant on behalf of Brixham Foodbank, which had been given to them for In Kind Support.

### **1715. To consider the impact on the local community with Connections closing in Brixham.**

Members discussed the impact of Connections closing in Brixham. It was noted that Brixham Town Council and Brixham Does Care had received a large increase in footfall due to Connections closing for a temporary period. It was **resolved** that the Community Services Committee should consider the impact in further detail.

### **1716. To consider recommendations from the Planning and Regeneration Committee.**

It was **resolved**:

- A. That this council releases BrixhamFuture from their status as a working group of the Council as soon as they become a Community Interest Company.
- B. That this council, in principle, works with BrixhamFuture to develop and implement projects for the benefit of the community in accordance with the terms of the attached joint letter of agreement.
- C. That this Council supports the provision of Solar Powered Belly Bins in the Community as detailed in BrixhamFuture's draft proposal and will actively participate in negotiations with other partners to achieve this goal.

**1717. To consider the recommendations from the F&GP Committee.**

Standing orders were suspended to allow a representative of BATS to present the development plans to members.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

It was **resolved** in principle to support the seating alterations. However, the seating cannot be installed until approval has been received from the Fire Risk Officer.

It was **resolved** to support the development plans proposed by BATS. It was further **resolved** to grant BATS a £5,000 grant.

**1718. To consider recommendations from the Community Services Committee.**

It was **resolved** to support, in principle, the Wayfinding initiative and that the Neighbourhood Forum Transportation Group should be asked to form a joint partnership with Brixham Chamber of Commerce.

**1719. To consider recommendations from the Evaluation Committee.**

It was **resolved** to accept the changes to the Anti Bullying and Harassment Policy. It was **resolved** to adopt the Town Centre Managed Sites Policy and that a copy of this policy should be given to every trader in Fore Street.

**1720. To hear and discuss any report from Shoalstone Pool Limited.**

Cllr Clarke reported that a volunteer will be continuing to look after the pool during the winter months, but that restrictions had been imposed to ensure the safety of the volunteer. Directors had now been given specific job roles. The Coastal Revival Application was initially rejected because it could not come from a limited company and Friends of Shoalstone Pool agreed to submit the application instead.

Cllr Stock reported that draft accounts for 2014/15 had been prepared and that they are looking for an accountant to look over the accounts ready for submission to Companies House.

**1721. To hear an update on the Shoalstone Cafe lease.**

It was reported that Torbay Council had agreed to the lease and recommendation had been given to their legal department for approval. It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk could sign the lease and return it to the Solicitors.

**1722. To hear a report from the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan.**

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk should organise a Full Council meeting, with the only agenda item to be the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan.

**1723. To hear reports from the Committee Chairpersons**

Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported the events he had attended over the last few months.

Community Services Committee: Cllr Clutterbuck reported that the committee had discussed merging the current Civic Award into a Civic Event, they had heard reports on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Storm and that a representative of the RNLI will be attending the next Committee. New Christmas lights will be installed in Fore Street, Middle Street and the Town Hall. They were also looking at ways to light up Bolton Street, but this could not be guaranteed for this year.

Planning Committee: Cllr Carr reported that the committee had voted in support of the YES development at 2 and 2A Fore Street and had heard reports from BrixhamFuture. Cllr Carr had attended an informative meeting with Torbay Council Planning Officers and that the committee had discussed complaints received regarding the high fines being issued at Berry Head Car Park and MDL car park. Discussions had taken place on the unsafe parking in New Road and the proposal to enable no parking for camper vans at Furzeham.

F&GP Committee: Cllr Stock reported that the committee had started to discuss the 2016/17 budget and had held a budget consultation. Cllr Stock also reported on agreement to permit the Pannier Market to work Thursday each week, which was subject to availability. The recent kitchen restrictions was also reported and the large build up of grease on the consumer unit, safety of all persons had been considered prior to imposing the restrictions.

Evaluation Committee: Cllr Clarke reported that the committee had been discussing required policies, the appointment of a temporary admin assistant and that the Town Clerk was working towards the deadlines set at the last appraisal.

**1724. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports.**

Cllr Morey reported that the children centre had been granted a 21 year lease at Rea Barn. That Torbay Council had voted for a Leader / Cabinet rather than a Committee structure and that he had attended, along with Town Council members, a meeting on the future of community care.

**1725. To hear reports of meetings of any outside bodies including those of which the member is the Council nominated representative.**

Cllr Addison reported he had attended the DALC AGM.

Cllr Clarke reported she had attended the DALC AGM and that she is now a member of the County Committee which meets 3 times a year. She has also been elected on the General Purposes Sub Committee, which is a smaller committee of DALC dealing with correspondence, finances, DALC AGM and conference.

Cllr Clarke reported that the Admiral Swimming Centre where they had been discussing the closer of the pool for an 8 week period to resurface and tile. The swimming centre were actively applying for grants to cover the £50,000 work and estimated £25,000 loss of income and expenditure.

Cllr Clarke reported that Sainsburys in Paignton had committed to working with the Fairtrade working group.

Cllr Carr reported that he had attended a recent meeting and that Fishstock had won a Silver medal in the Tourism Event and that he had heard reports on the important work the mission is carrying out to support fishermen and their families.

Cllr Campbell reported that Brixham Does Care are under extreme pressure due to Connections Closing and that if the mayor cuts their budget, it will have dire consequences. YES now run a drop in Citizens Advice Bureau every Thursday. Cllr Campbell also reported that she had been in contact with Brixham College to get support to restart the Youth Council.

Cllr Giles reported that the Chestnut Centre had received held Auditions for Britains Got Talent and that following all the issues that had happened over the last 12 months they were £50 better off than last year.

Cllr Regan reported that she had attended the Budget Consultation that took place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Wilbraham reported that she had heard positive feedback at the budget consultation and that from April the Foodbank will be asked for proof of entitlement.

Cllr Stock reported she had recently attended Budget and Precept training and advised that Brixham Town Council is doing everything it should be doing.

**1726. To present items for the next agenda**

Presentation by Dementia Friends

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**Chairperson .....**

**Date.....**