



# Brixham Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council

held in the Function Room, Brixham Town Hall; 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm

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

**Attending:** Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk, Cllrs R Haddock, V Ellery & T Manning and 16 members of the public.

No questions were raised by members of the public:

Kate Farmery and Paul Woolnough from Torbay Culture Board gave an information presentation about their roles, partnership working, aims and achievements. Councillors were given an opportunity to ask them questions and Councillor Clarke thanked them for attending the meeting.

**16081. Apologies for absence through the Clerk.**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Walker-Haworth

**16082. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.**

All Councillors declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.

Cllrs I Carr, D Giles, M Morey & J Stock declared a non pecuniary interest in the emergency agenda item

Cllr I Carr declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 (RNLI).

Cllr J Stockman declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 8A.

The Declarations of interest register was available to sign.

**16083. To consider any requests for dispensation.**

None

**16084. To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 16.06.16.**

The minutes of 16.06.16 were **resolved** and signed as a correct record.

**16085. To make a presentation to Community Helipads & RNLI**

A presentation for £1,500 was made to the Community Helipads to pay for sensor equipment to be installed on the lights at the rugby club to allow the Devon Air Ambulance to land at night. This money was granted from the Community Projects Fund.

A presentation for £2,500 was made to the RNLI to help towards the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. This money was granted from the Events Fund.

**16086. To hear the Police Report**

The meeting was advised that overall there has been a reduction of reported crimes, violent crime and burglary to dwellings. Burglary to non dwellings had risen. However, the offender had been caught. It was also reported that there has been a significant increase in vehicle theft due to cars being left unlocked. The Police are also receiving a lot of intelligence from Crimestoppers and encouraged anyone that wanted to remain anonymous to report their crime to 0800 555111 or email 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

The Police was available to take questions from Councillors and members of the public.

**16087. Emergency Item – to discuss the decision to withdraw from the Belly Bins trial early and to agree on a way forward**

Members voiced their dismay that the trial was ended without consultation with Brixham Town Council or BrixhamFuture who lead on the instigation of the trial.

The following motion was proposed and seconded:

This council disapproves of the decision in the strongest terms to withdraw the Solar Powered Belly Bins trial in Brixham without any prior consultation, and determines to seek all possible options to bring them back into our community on a permanent basis.

A further discussion took place with an amended motion which was proposed and seconded:

This council strongly suggests that Torbay Council continues to investigate the introduction of the Solar Powered Belly Bins in Brixham and throughout Torbay in consultation with Brixham Town Council to seek all possible options to bring them back into our community on a permanent basis.

Cllr Haddock was given an opportunity to speak. He advised members that he would like to organise an emergency meeting to include the Town Clerk and Executive members of Torbay Council. He advised members that he would like to see the introduction of the Belly Bins throughout Torbay.

Members **resolved** to withdraw their motions but if things do not progress, to bring the discussion back to the next Full Council meeting.

**16088. To consider a recommendation from the Community Services Committee.**

It was **resolved** to appoint a Town Lengthsman commencing April 2017 and to refer the contract terms, hours, job description and salary decision to the Evaluation Committee.

**16089. To consider a recommendation from the Evaluation Committee.**

It was **resolved** to increase the Administrative Assistant hours by three hours per week to provide administrative support to the Neighbourhood Forum until the plan has been submitted to Torbay Council (Approx September 2017). The additional cost to be taken from the Reserves fund.

It was **resolved** to adopt the Reserves Policy, Councillors Allowance Policy and the Pension Discretionary Policy.

**16090. To consider a recommendation from the Planning and Regeneration Committee.**

It was **resolved** that Brixham Future must present their CIC application and supporting documents to Brixham Town Council for approval prior to submission.

**16091. To hear a report from Shoalstone Pool Limited**

It was reported that Torbay Council has  
(a) still not issued the sub let agreement with regards to the cafe lease; and

- (b) released the car park income for April, May and June
- (c) still not produced the car park management agreement

The question was also raised as to why Shoalstone Pool Ltd was not allowed to open the overflow car park.

Cllr Ellery was given an opportunity to speak. He advised members that he had been informed that the request from SPL to have the overflow car park had been granted.

It was **agreed** that the Town Clerk should email Cllr Haddock with the difficulties listed above.

Shoalstone Pool will be holding a fun day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

**16092. To hear a report from the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum.**

Cllr Stockman reported that a meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Individual reports have been prepared and a member of the forum is collating the reports into one plan. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Baker for his hard work. It is planned that the consultation will be out in October. The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**16093. To hear any Torbay Council Ward Councillor reports.**

Cllr Morey reported that Torbay has to find £18m and firmly believes that Town Council can help to save some services.

Cllr Haddock and Manning reported that they are experiencing a lot of complaints about parking on pavements and about two of the shops on Middle Street.

Cllr Ellery reported that the Fast Ferry had restarted its service on Monday. They were aware of teething problems, but these were being dealt with. The FISH monument has now been sent off for bronzing and the unveiling will be in November.

Cllr Clarke thanked Cllrs Haddock, Manning and Ellery for attending the meeting.

**16094. To hear report from the Committee Chairpersons.**

Community Services – An update on the Christmas lights, market and event was given.

Planning and Regeneration – the committee had recently met and dealt with planning applications and highways issues including the camper van signage at North Furzeham Road.

F&GP – the committee had met and dealt with the regular payment of invoices, discussed and agreed the Heritage Statement and will start to look at budget setting from August.

Evaluation – the committee recently discussed the Government support grant, IT infrastructure for the Council offices and agreed the NALC paycales. They are also looking at producing a Town Councillor Guide.

**16095. To hear reports of meetings of outside bodies.**

Brixham Chamber of Commerce – It was reported that BrixFest was a success and the chamber welcomed the outcome of the Tourism Bid.

Brixham Does Care – Nothing to report.

Community Partnership Steering Group – At the last meeting discussions were revolved around the organisation of the Celebrating Brixham event.

DALC Larger Councils – Nothing to report.

Torbay Council Events Forum – It was reported that the main discussions were on the Torbay Airshow highlighting a loss which was partly due to the amount of restrictions imposed.

Brixham Museum – Nothing to report.

Youth Council – Nothing to report.

Brixham Fairtrade Group – Cllrs Wilbraham and Clarke unveiled the new Fairtrade Banner.

Community Flood Plan – Nothing to report.

**16096. To present items for the next agenda.**

- Belly Bins

**16097. To exclude representatives of the press and public.**

Agreed

**16098. To consider and agree the recruitment process of a new member of staff.**

Members were advised that the Administrative Assistant had resigned and her last day in the office was 19<sup>th</sup> August. It was **resolved** to advertise online with Devon Jobs. It was further **resolved** to accept the proposed advertisement and job description.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**Chairperson .....**

**Date.....**