



Brixham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council held at Brixham Town Hall on 3rd November 2021 at 6.00pm

Present	Cllrs P Addison (C), R Haddock, S Laurie, S Leech, A Massey and J Regan
In attendance	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk and four members of the public.
Welcome	Councillor Addison opened the meeting.
21124	Apologies for absence through the Clerk. None.
21125	To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on the 13th October 2021. The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th October 2021 were resolved and signed as a correct record.
21126	Declarations of Interest None.
21127	Standing Orders It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders.
21128	Police Sgt Thomas advised that crime in Brixham is low and has always been low in comparison to the remainder of Torbay. Whilst COVID has obscured the figures, there are no significant spikes in crime. The main area of concern was street drinking and antisocial behaviour in the town centre. Sgt Thomas advised that they are working to reduce this by working with CCTV to monitor all areas of the town centre to mitigate any future problems. A new Neighbourhood Police Officer has started and Brixham now have 2 Officers, one full time PCSO and two part time PCSOs. Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns.
21129	Walking and Cycling Routes Unfortunately, Torbay Council were unable to attend and the item was removed from the agenda.
21130	Co-option Two candidates did not attend and one withdrew their application. Two candidates were present in the room and one joined the meeting remotely. Each candidate was given 5 minutes to introduce themselves.

	<p>Each Councillor took turns to ask a series of questions to the candidates.</p> <p>It was resolved to appointed all three candidates as Co-opted Members. Cllr Swain and Cllr Okurut signed their Acceptance of Office. Cllr Roseveare was advised that an Acceptance of Office would be sent to him for signing. However, he could not act in an official capacity until he had signed the Acceptance of Office and was present in the meeting room.</p>
21124	<p>Standing Orders</p> <p>It was resolved not to re-instate Standing Orders to enable Cllr Roseveare to consider standing for Committees, Task and Finish Groups and Outside Bodies.</p>
21131	<p>Election of Members to Committees, Task & Finish Groups and Outside Bodies</p> <p>a) Committee meetings Planning & Regeneration: Cllrs Roseveare & Swain Finance & General Purposes: Cllrs Swain & Okurut Community & Environment: Cllrs Roseveare, Leech, Swain & Okurut</p> <p>b) Task and Finish Groups Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Okurut Community Recovery: Cllr Swain Community Transport: Cllr Okurut Town Emergency Plan: Cllr Okurut Town Hall Regeneration: Cllr Swain</p> <p>c) Outside Bodies DALC: Cllr Swain Shoalstone: Cllrs Haddock & Okurut Youth Genesis: Cllr Swain</p>
21125	<p>Queens Platinum Jubilee (Project Initiation Document)</p> <p>Members considered a recommendation from the Community & Environment Committee. It was resolved to accept the following recommendations:</p> <p>a. Decorate the Town Hall with Union flags b. Install red, white and blue bunting in Fore Street, Middle Street and Bolton Street (subject to resolving the infrastructure issues). c. Install red, white and blue floral displays at the Town Hall, Fore Street and in the three K6 telephone boxes. d. Budget Task & Finish group consider creating a Jubilee Events Fund to support Brixham community group events.</p>
21126	<p>Ward Councillors Reports</p> <p><u>Cllr Brown</u> Cllr Brown reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • she has had a busy year with 65 projects on the go within the area. • Councillors have started discussing the Torbay Budget • There is a need for additional accommodation for homeless with one hotel already receiving permission for change of use

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is a Member on the Torbay Council Planning Committee and found the Town Council's recent meeting very interesting. • A new Harbour Master has been appointed. • She finds it very interesting on the work of the Town Council and welcomed the three new Councillors. <p>Town Councillors were given an opportunity to ask Cllr Brown questions.</p> <p>Councillors made it noticeable that they were frustrated with Torbay Council for lack of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to replace the illuminations around the harbour because of what is believed to be an overspend at Paignton. • Support from fellow Ward Councillors who were noticeable absent from the meeting. • Communication from Torbay including projects that Ward Councillors are apparently working on with the Town Council often finding out when it is announced in press releases. <p><i>It was resolved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.</i></p> <p>Councillors made it noticeable that they are keen to see Torbay Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in services within Brixham. • Consult with the Town Council on projects prior to decisions being made / announcements in press releases. • Be notified of the Planning Committee meeting date when the Upton Manor Farm Campsite application is considered. • Liaising with the Town Council and community and carry out physical actions to aid the development of the car park in the town centre.
21127	<p>Date of next meeting It was noted the date of the next meeting which is scheduled for 8th December 2021 at 6pm.</p>
21128	<p>Items for future agenda Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas, giving details of why the Council should consider the item.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Haddock requested a review of the Civic Award Scheme. (C&E) 2. Cllr Leech requested discussion regarding formalised responses to public enquiries, including the use of a flow chart. (F&GP) 3. Cllr Blackmore requested discussion about communications with the local MP, perhaps as a recurring agenda item? (Town Clerk to action) 4. Town Centre redevelopment (P&R).

The meeting closed at 20:15

Chairperson Date.....