



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council held at Brixham Town Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6.00pm

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs P Addison, D Blackmore, C Gray, R Haddock, S Laurie, S Leech, W Okurut, J Regan, M Roseveare, C Simmonds and O Swain
<b>In attendance</b>	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk and four members of the public
<b>Welcome</b>	Councillor Haddock opened the meeting.
<b>Public Participation</b>	<p>Two representatives addressed the Council with their concerns on the large groups fishing in The Quarry causing anti-social behaviour, criminal behaviour, criminal damage and violence.</p> <p>They advised that Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust have advised them that they were unable to stop the situation.</p> <p>Councillors raised their concern and asked the representatives to speak with the Police and report back to the Council on any progress.</p>
<b>22075</b>	<b>Apologies for absence through the Clerk.</b> No apologies had been received.
<b>22076</b>	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 were <b>resolved</b> and signed as a correct record.
<b>22077</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.
<b>22078</b>	<b>Standing Orders</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to suspend Standing Orders.
<b>22079</b>	<b>Ward Councillor Reports</b> The Clerk reported that she had received apologies from all Ward Councillors and no reports had been received.
<b>22080</b>	<b>Standing Orders</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to suspend Standing Orders.
<b>22081</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Champion</b> A representative from Torbay Council addressed the Council on Domestic Abuse in Torbay.  The representative also asked if Councillors were prepared to undertake a domestic abuse champion training course.

	It was agreed that the Council will consider making a White Ribbon Promise and any training at a future meeting.
<b>22082</b>	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Sgt Thomas advised that the crime figures in Brixham are still low and these had been compared to the figures pre covid. They were also pleased with the Pirate Festival and the Torbay Air Show with low criminal activity.</p> <p>Sgt Thomas acknowledged the problems at The Quarry at Berry Head and agreed to speak with the residents to try and address their concerns.</p> <p>Cllrs were given an opportunity to address their concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Addison raised the parking problems around Brixham. Sgt Thomas advised that parking is not within their remit and is instead with Local Authorities. Whilst they will work with Torbay Council and can carry out a day of action, ultimately, the responsibility will be with Torbay Council and not the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Haddock asked that the Clerk invite Torbay Council Leader and Parking Services Officer at a future meeting. He also pleaded that a day of action is carried out again. Cllr Addison requested that speeding is also included in the day of action.</p> <p>Cllr Simmonds raised his concerns that people are parking on double yellows and the high parking charges. He felt that a lot of parking issues were due to the high parking charges and thought that the whole parking system needed to be addressed.</p>
<b>22083</b>	<p><b>Standing Orders</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to reinstate Standing Orders.</p>
<b>22084</b>	<p><b>Annual Governance Accounting Statements</b></p> <p>a) <u>Section One: Annual Governance Statement</u> It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the Annual Governance Statement</p> <p>b) <u>Section Two: Accounting Statement</u> It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the Account Statement</p> <p>c) <u>Period for the Exercise of Public Rights and date the Notice is to be published on the Councils website</u> It was noted that the Exercise of Public Rights commences on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and ends on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Details of which will be available on the Councils website from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
<b>22085</b>	<p><b>Internal Auditor Report</b></p> <p>The internal auditors report was noted.</p>
<b>22086</b>	<p><b>Community and Environment Committee Recommendations</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that the Town Council will: Reduce the watering support in Middle Street by:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Allocating £1,500 - £2,000 from the Community Strategic Fund for the supply of a water harvesting scheme to support Middle Street Traders to be more self-sufficient</li> <li>b) Ask the Town Hall Regeneration Task and Finish Group to consider rain water harvesting as part of the regeneration project</li> <li>c) Continue watering displays in Fore Street, the Town Hall and the 3 telephone boxes</li> <li>d) Continue to research the market for a suitable rain water harvesting system for the telephone boxes</li> </ul>
<p><b>22087</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Membership</b>  The Clerk reported that Cllr Addison advised on this return from holiday that he did not want to be a member of the Planning and Regeneration Committee. Cllr Roseveare has advised that he does.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to ratify the Planning and Regeneration Committee's resolution to appoint Cllr Roseveare as Vice Chairperson of their committee.</p>
<p><b>22088</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Finance and General Purposes</u>  Cllr Blackmore thanked members for being involved in the F&amp;GP Committee, particularly when setting the precept and including the use of reserves to keep the increase to a minimum.</li> </ul> <p>He reported that he was keen to see the Council continue to promote its support within the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) <u>Planning and Regeneration</u>  Cllr Blackmore reported that there have been a number of interesting applications to consider. They are being asked to consider applications that are in AONB and are responding in a cohesive manner.</li> </ul> <p>The BPNP is still being reviewed with the support of the external contractor, but it will take time. He welcomed support and help from Councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) <u>Community and Environment</u>  Cllr Haddock reported that the Committee reviewed policies, heard an update on the Queens Award and wild verge locations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>22089</b></p>	<p><b>Clerks Report</b>  The Clerk reported that:</p> <p><u>Café Variation to Lease</u>  The Council Solicitors had put the variation on hold because the tenants of the Café have requested that the use of the roof space is included in the lease. Shoalstone Seawater Pool CIO have confirmed that they submitted a planning application to Torbay Council to create a café terrace and agreed that the tenants can use the area. However, Torbay Planners are yet to make a decision on the planning application.</p>

### Shoalstone Main Lease

Torbay Council have advised that they are minded to progress with the principle of a new 125 year lease. Before a formal decision can be made by Torbay Council, a meeting has been arranged with Torbay Officers to discuss the current terms, what needs to change and how the Town Council envisage the three way partnership working.

### Trustee Resignation

One of the long standing trustees has resigned from Shoalstone Seawater Pool. On behalf of the Town Council a message has been sent to the retiring trustee thanking them and giving the Town Council's appreciation all of their time, effort and hard work over the years.

### Torbay Council meetings

The last couple of meetings were cancelled by BTC. However, prior to this the Clerk and Torbay's Chief Executive Officer agreed a draft engagement approach between both Councils. This includes

- Regular informal meetings between the Leaders of both Councils, supported by Officers;
- Torbay Leader / Deputy Leader to attend BTC Council meetings – every six months, alternating between them. This will be planned so that BTC agenda can be set to suit the discussions.
- Torbay Cabinet Members to attend BTC meetings on a regular basis, responding to strategic matters within their portfolio
- BTC representatives to be invited to Torbay Council internal briefings
- Torbay Ward Councillors to provide written updates to the Town Council on Ward activities every other month and attend Full Council at least two times a year.

This still needs to be approved by both parties.

### Ukrainian Family Support

Following Cllr Haddock's request for the Town Council to consider what support it could give Ukrainian families, the Government announced their sponsorship scheme ... Homes for Ukraine. Rather than duplicate the Government scheme, the Clerk has been working with Torbay Council Officers, who are aware that the Town Council can provide in kind support for example, provide a room for Ukrainian families to meet or for Torbay Council to utilise to provide support such as language lessons. To date, this offer has not been taken up, but the Clerk will continue to monitor the situation.

### **Torbay Harbour Authority**

The Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk met with the Harbour Master at the end of May. The Harbour Master advised that he had reviewed the levelling up plans and shared a draft concept that he had put together. This draft had not been agreed by Torbay Council and therefore the Clerk was unable to share any information publicly at this stage. The Clerk reported that she felt that the plans would address the concerns of most parties, including the Yacht Club.

The Clerk further advised that she understood that at the Harbour Committee meeting, which took place earlier in the day, approved submitting a Levelling

	<p>up Bid with the amended proposals to extend the Fish Market. Torbay Council are now working fast to meet the deadline of next month.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had invited both Cllr Morey and the Harbour Master to attend the next Full Council meeting to give an update on the application details.</p> <p><b>Wishings Field</b> Following the last Full Council meeting, Torbay Council agreed to write to the landowner requesting that they clear and tidy the public footpath, this included the removal of all hazards. The Town Council had also written to the landowners requesting the same.</p> <p><b>Devon Deal</b> National Position: All areas had to submit a template by 25<sup>th</sup> March, a copy of the draft submission was provided to Councillors at the last meeting. Devon County, including the district councils and Plymouth and Torbay unitaries are working together under four core principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No requirement for a mayor or local government review</li> <li>• Offer is additional to existing powers and funding</li> <li>• Government provides balance between Unitary, County and District</li> <li>• No deal until a deal is fully agreed</li> </ul> <p>The following are being asked for within the Devon County submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Skills, Employment and Education</li> <li>• Transport and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Economic Development and Business Support</li> <li>• Innovation</li> <li>• Regeneration and Place</li> <li>• Health and Care</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> </ul> <p>Next Steps: The Devon County template has been submitted and they are now awaiting a response from Government. Work will now begin around the detail of asks, as well as formally setting out the vision, missions and metrics at the heart of the deal. A headline prospectus is the preferred option, but they are awaiting a steer from Government on what would be useful.</p>
22090	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> The date of the next meeting, scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6pm, was noted.</p>
22091	<p><b>Items for future agenda</b> 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"> <li>1. Cllr Massey - Shoalstone update</li> <li>2. Cllr Blackmore – Report from Torbay Harbour Authority on their strategic plans for the harbour</li> <li>3. Primary Care updates – Cllr Massey</li> <li>4. Advanced planning on the Coronation events (C&amp;E) – Cllr Leech</li> </ol>

	<p>5. How to process the recognition on BTC grants (F&amp;GP)</p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.</i></p>
<p><b>22092</b></p>	<p><b>Exclusion of press and public</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to exclude the press and public due to the nature of the discussions about to take place.</p>

The meeting closed at 20:15

Chairperson ..... Date.....