

The minutes of the Brixham Future Board held on WEDS 23rd Nov 2016 at 730 pm in the Furzenham Room @ the Brixham Town Hall.

Members Present : Martyn Green (MG), Cllr. David Giles (DG), Cllr. Jill Regan (JR), John Brennan (JB), Frances Robinson (FR) Keith Dodd (KD), (KA) ,Richard Murray –Smith (RMS) , , Liz Boylan (LB). Konrad Abramczuk (KA)

Apologies: Mike Roseblade (MR) Cllr. Ian Carr, and Nigel Wood (NW). **Observer:** John Rudden (JF),

Governance

1) Introductions & apologies

Welcome & introductions made with apologies from above.

2) Minutes of last meeting 26th Oct 2016

Members agreed as a true, accurate and fair record of previous meeting without amendment.

3) Declaration of Interest

No Members had above.

4) Establishment of CIC

JB confirmed that Brixham Future CIC now a Community Interest Company from 7TH Nov 2017.

5) Bank Mandate

Action - Members agreed above.

6) Brixham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

FR confirmed she had reviewed the latest version to `tighten-up` the language leaving less room for developers to undermine. It would shortly go out to public consultation. The Board would formally respond to the Consultation exercise and FR was thanked for her work.

Action -Members noted the consultation exercise due in January.

7) Speaker 1 -Victoria Campbell from the TCDT (Appendix 1)

8) Speaker 2 –Sally Lord from the Brixham Community Partnership (Appendix 2)

Action –Speakers to be thanked for their contribution.

Progress reports

9) Belly Bins -DG reported that Kier in Bournemouth had demonstrated the above in action despite maintaining it does not work successfully elsewhere! The subject would be returning to Torbay Council's agenda post budget.

Action -We would look to progress at a later date.

10) Wayfinding – MG reported he had a positive conversation with a Council Officer and would look to provide photographic and survey information on needs to progress the project.

Action –MG/ DG to come back to Board on progressing

11) Breakwater lighting – KD has met a number of parties; completed and circulated the feasibility report. The anticipated costs were circa £75k.

Action – KD and JB to progress

12) Website/leaflets- KA provide a power-point update of website. Text and pictures would be circulated next week.

Action -final date for comment and completion before Christmas.

13) Quick Impact Projects

JR presented his ideas around utilising colour schemes to re-invigorate the townscape. He highlighted the benefits including the potential to create new Apprenticeships and reduce benefit dependency. Members were supportive of the proposals if researched further and demonstrated feasibility with a pilot project.

Action-Further progress reports to come back to Board in January

Information

14) Chairs Report –JB presented short report.

Action - Members approved the report.

15) CIC Launch

LB was leading. The Yacht Club had proved less expensive than the Berry Head hotel. We would anticipate circa 100 guests and would provide an opportunity to gain Supporters. JB preferred the 3rd February as gives more preparation time.

Action -Members approved the above on 3rd February.

16) Advert for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

JB & FR had attended the Town Council meeting 17th November on the `Memo of Understanding`. It was clear was the Town Council wanted an `open, transparent and accountable` organisation and to that end the above was a necessity. Board Members who wished to apply **could not** be part of the selection panel.

Action -Board decided to put an Advert in `The Brixham Signal` January edition.

17) Start-up funding

JB draw member`s attention to the capital and revenue requirements for a small office without staffing. In the longer run we would require staff. After Christmas he would focus on fundraising and had already been in contact with 2 professional fundraisers.

Action –JB to progress

18) Public Profile and recruitment drive -100 Supporters Club.

JB explained hoped to raise the above to help us on Volunteering, Socials and Fundraising etc and demonstrate to people that we are `rooted` in a community. We now had 40 Supporters –many with public awards, higher education and professional qualifications `adding to credibility`.

Action -Members agreed new Supporters and organisations listed and to recruit new Supporters

19) AOB -Christmas Social

Given that our own Christmas social was cancelled FR suggested we attend the Brixham Chamber of Commerce.

Action- Anyone wishing to attend contact Frances Robinson.

20) Dates of next meetings below

Start time of meetings 730pm and dates:

WEDS JAN 18th 730 PM-TOWN HALL-

FRI 3RD FEB 230PM -4PM Brixham Yacht Club

TOTAL MEETING TIME

120 Minutes (2 hour)

ACTION LIST

- 1) MG to progress on Way finding initiative and update January Board -Done
- 2) KD & JB to progress Breakwater lighting -Done
- 3) KA & MG to finalise website -Done
- 4) JB to contact Mayor on January 18TH Board Meeting & 3th February Launch -Done
- 5) JR to progress Christmas event at Chamber of Commerce on Saturday 3rd Dec -Done
- 6) Posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to be advertised in Brixham Signal -Done
- 7) All Board Members to recruit new Supporters- Please!

Appendix 1 –Notes from Victoria Campbell on her main points

Thanks for having me along, here are a few points on my role:

- Discovering the strengths hidden within our community that can be shared.
- Finding out what people feel passionate about.
- Encouraging the community to share time, skills and interests with others.
- Focus on what is strong, not what is wrong.
- A community builder is a builder of communities, We help reconnect people in a neighbourhood, finding the hidden treasures, skills, experience and knowledge that already exists within our community, and making the most of the assets in our area, the parks, the buildings. I find out what the locals care enough about to want to change, encouraging them and deciding with them how we can make these changes.
- The key issue in Brixham is the levels of poverty

Appendix 2 - BCP notes from Brixham Community Partnership presentation

Brixham Community Partnership (BCP) is one of 16 Community Partnerships in Torbay, under an umbrella organisation which is a company – the Torbay Community Partnership (TCP) and operates in accordance with the articles and bye laws of the TCP. It also has its own Constitution which was adopted in April 2013. BCP is unique among the CPs in that we are the only CP (at least at present) which has a Town Council (BTC).

BCP is a voluntary group which meets six times a year and comprises representatives from BTC, residents and voluntary groups serving the community. Guest speakers are invited to our meetings to speak on items of interest. Our meetings are open to the general public and all are welcome. A Steering Group manages the Partnership and is appointed by the votes of the Partnership. It also meets six times a year.

It could be argued that with its own Town Council, with councillors drawn directly from the community, and with information readily accessible from Signal, HE, etc., that the BCP might be unnecessary. However, I feel that there is room for both. BCP meetings are open to all and can be a central hub for the many voluntary bodies active in Brixham. It is useful for newcomers to the town to get a feel for the town and what they can do to contribute. It also gives a chance for the 'quiet' people to have their say. The meetings' schedule is set at the beginning of the year and notified to the membership so that meetings can be noted in diaries. When a 'special item of interest' arises, the next meeting date can be allocated to it, rather than to suddenly call a meeting which many people may be unable to attend because

of previous engagements. Our next two meetings will feature a consultation on BTC proposed budget and the Brixham Neighbourhood Local Plan. In 2017, we will also invite the local MP and the PCCC/Chief Constable to our meetings as well, of course, Brixham Future.

BCP aims:

- source of information on Brixham matters.
- contact point for information on all of the voluntary groups in Brixham.
- link between Brixham Town Councillors and residents.
- link between residents and D&C police
- provide an opportunity for local people to influence local decisionmaking.
- assist in developing area plans to benefit Brixham.
- be a point of contact with other residents
- be a source of information and start-up funding to help get a community group started.

Some of the Brixham groups that have received start-up funding/assistance from Brixham Community Partnership:

- Youth Enquiry Service
- Gig Club
- Pirate Festival
- Friends of Shoalstone Pool
- Brixham Arts and Theatre Society
- Indigo Goes Wild
- Pride in Brixham/Royal Wedding Celebration
- Friends of St. Mary's Park

Torbay Community Partnerships:

Barton and Watcombe
Blatchcombe
Brixham
Churston, Galmpton and Broadsands
Clifton & Maidenway
Cockington, Chelston, Livermead
Ellacombe
Goodrington, Roseland & Hookhills
Hele, Watcombe & Lower Barton
Paignton Town Centre
Preston
Shiphay & The Willows
St Marychurch & District
Torquay Town Centre
Torre & Upton
Wellswood & Torwood