

**Minutes of second Annual General Meeting of Brixham Future CIC
held on Wednesday 23 January 2019, 8.00pm, The Old Coaching Inn**

Those present:

John Brennan - Chair, BFCIC (JB)	Mike Franchi - IMS Publications
Adam Billings - Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum (AB)	Roger Holton - St. Mary's Church (RH)
Roly Butler - 'Old Coaching Inn'	Sally Lord - Board Member BFCIC (Chair of Meeting) (SL)
Keith Dodd - Secretary, BFCIC (KD)	Nigel Makin-English Riviera Bid Company (NM)
Maldwyn Evans - President, Brixham Rotary	John Rudden - Board Member, BFCIC

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Paul Addison	Frances Robinson, Treasurer, BFCIC
Cllr. Rosemary Clarke	Cllr. Jessica Stocks
Cllr. Jill Regan	

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1	<p>Introductions and welcome SL welcomed those attending, introduced the two speakers and thanked them for attending. She then called on JB to present the reports for BFCIC's AGM.</p>	
2	<p>Chair's report for the Year (attached) JB welcomed those attending the meeting. The BFCIC Board had reduced in size over the past year because (1) Brixham Town Council had reduced the number of co-opted Councillors from 3 to 2 and the ratio of voting members had therefore been reduced and (2) BFCIC, as with other community groups, is having difficulty in finding volunteers. JB wished to record his thanks to all the current and former Board members. BFCIC has been quite successful in delivering various projects - wall murals, car park planters and, in particular, the 'Shadows' artwork to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the WW1 Armistice. BFCIC were successful in obtaining a grant from Awards for All (Lottery). JB would also like to record his thanks to Brixham Rotary and the Military Vehicles Trust for grants obtained. The 'Shadows' project is in deficit because Tesco deferred a grant request to 2019 and donations/grants are being sought to cover the costs. BFCIC exists for the benefit of the community; Directors and those associated with the organisation receive no remuneration, no dividends or debentures, only reimbursement for costs incurred on projects. Accounts are available to all which show a deficit at 30 November 2018 of £1,525, covered by cash flow; not unusual in newly set-up organizations. It is therefore important that BFCIC establishes an income stream and any assistance in selling Spitfire Raffle Tickets would be very welcome.</p>	
3	<p>Company Secretary's report for the year (attached) KD then presented the Company Secretary's report and expressed his thanks to all those who had helped with BFCIC's projects this year.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's report and Accounts (attached) JB apologised that the Treasurer was not present to introduce the Accounts as she is working in Bristol but an audited set of Accounts were available to all and JB had made relevant points in his presentation earlier. He added that BFCIC is covered by Zurich Insurance's Public Liability Insurance which protects the Directors and also covers anyone attending BFCIC events.</p>	
5	<p>Public questions Q: Has BFCIC approached BTC for financial support as it has demonstrated that its</p>	

projects are of benefit to Brixham?

JB: Financial support may come with a degree of loss of independence. This is important as is the recognition of BFCIC. At present, we have been successful in obtaining grants to fund BFCIC activities and are continuing to apply for those grants from various bodies.

Speaker

Adam Billings - Update on Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan

SL introduced the first speaker - Adam Billings, Vice Chair of Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum which produced the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). AB: The NP has been produced by the community, over the last 7 years. It sits alongside Torbay Council's (TC) Local Plan and these Plans guide the policy framework to assess Planning Applications by businesses and individuals. For example, Oxen Cove and Freshwater Quarry development, the NP agreed that we should support the marine expansion, however, there was a need to retain the car parking provision and to take account of nearby residents' concerns. The timescale takes into account the 'community voice' and resistance from TC - because the NP reduces the overall housing target from 1,320 to 660. If the NP is approved, it will mean that TC will be bound when assessing any planning applications, for example:

- a reduced housing target - from 1,320 to 660 which the community supports
- a settlement boundary, drawn around Brixham to stop further sprawl into the surrounding countryside, delivering the housing requirement on less-sensitive building sites within the boundary,
- that boundary focusing development within the town centre, and
- delivering affordable housing for young people.

The referendum is scheduled for the 2nd of May, together with the local elections.. The NP has to receive over 50% approval by the electorate. If the NP is not adopted, none of the above-mentioned four points will go through and the message we sent to TC is that all of the things that Brixham held to be important are not. TC are required to produce their updated Local Plan by December 2020.

Q: What happens in 2020?

AB: Two different answers - one with the NP and one without. Developments now being considered have to give considerable weight to the NP because it has gone through the checking stage. For example, objections have been made to the 400-houses' development proposed at White Rock 2. If the NP is not approved at the referendum, then, for example, the original housing target of over 1,300 houses will stand.

JB: How can we get the importance of this referendum over to the community?

AB: Key messages:

- this is not a TC document, it has been produced by the local community.
- it achieves things that TC fought against because the scale of development is a lot lower than TC wanted on the Brixham Peninsula.
- it addresses topics that TC wanted to control and which were considered the local community should control, for example, the development of the town centre. Brixham residents have developed the Town Centre Plan..
- the consultation exercise took place in 2017, sparked much public interest and resulted in over 400 responses. It is important that residents are reminded that this is their Plan. The full text of the NP is available on the website ***brixhampeninsula.com*** and AB suggested reading the Policy Document and possibly the Brixham Town Design Statement.
- a vote for the NP is important not only in terms of what is in the Plan but what we

will get if there isn't a positive vote for it.

Speaker

John Brennan - Launch of D-Day Project

SL introduced JB, with presentation on the 'Back to the 1940s' event, which will take place in Brixham from the 1st to the 9th of June 2019, to mark the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. JB: This event is designed to inform, educate and entertain, and to raise awareness of Brixham's key role in D-Day. Brixham is so much more than 'Torbay's Fish Town' - it could be said to be the town that helped saved Europe. The American 4th Infantry Division actually launched, from Brixham Breakwater, the first attack on the Normandy beaches at Utah Beach. Britain may not a great power in military or economic terms any more; however, it is a great power in its people, its culture and its values. It is hoped that this event will:

- boost the local economy by increasing footfall,
- provide fund-raising opportunities for local groups such as Royal British Legion, Brixham Battery and charities,
- help to reinforce social cohesion,
- recognise the military covenant - the contribution of military service and military families, and remember those who perished in conflicts, and
- promote local assets such as St. Mary's Church and Churchyard including its War Graves which will be marked during the event.

Free attractions during the event will include:

- Music and dance at the Old Fish Market.
- Pannier Market open every day.
- Visit from Motor Torpedo Boat 102 which will represent the flotilla that were stationed in Brixham during WW2.
- Royal British Legion will hold a parade and service on the 6th of June, with possibly a Royal visit (no definite confirmation) as yet.
- St. Mary's Bowls Club - a 1940s Families Day.
- Brixham Does Care - Fish & Chip Supper.
- Free talks at The Old Coaching Inn.
- Guided walks..

The event programme has been designed to avoid conflict between the various events. We now need follow-through with firm plans as the more groups are involved, the more successful the event will be. The street party space is booked but we still need a group to run it who will not be deterred by the H&S and Food Hygiene requirements. 'Back to the 1940s', unlike other Brixham events, will spread the footfall over nine days and is also designed to encourage visitors to move beyond the town centre. Clearance for the event has been received from the authorities, such as local Councils and the Police.

Some funding for the costs of the event has already been received - Brixham Town Council have offered to cover the cost of the Reception at the Rugby Club Brixham Marina/MDL will cover the costs of the Parade pipers/drummers and will contribute towards the considerable costs of the MTB (with free mooring and some fuel). Three funding applications have been submitted - Awards for All, Military Covenant and English Riviera BID Company. Also fund-raising Spitfire flight raffle tickets are on sale. However, appeals are being made for funding, assistance, participation contacts, Marshals, Guides for the walks, etc., to help make this event the success BFCIC is sure it can be.

Public Questions and Comments

Q: Free programme financing?

A: IMS Marketing has drafted a leaflet to show to potential advertisers. IMS will also start a webpage, connected to the BFCIC website, for the D-Day event, plus a presence on Facebook, etc. Mike Franchi of IMS explained further actions to be taken.

JB: Strong commitments already made: Royal British Legion, St. Mary's Church, Brixham Marina, Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, Roly of Old Coaching Inn and an American historian of the American 4th Infantry Division who will give a talk. JB was disappointed by response from Brixham Museum who would have benefited from publicity and footfall during the event.

RH: Regarding street party: suggest talking to Churches Together in Brixham which has worked together before on street parties, out of the Christian Centre in Fore Street, which has good facilities for preparation/service of food, etc. .

Q: Pirates' Festival was nearly cancelled last year because of lack of marshals/training and marshals should be given at least some training before duty.

JB: 'Back to the 1940s' unlikely to have more than 400 people at any event and events are spread throughout the town and over the week. Footfall will be more of a passing-through than requiring marshals and the Parade on 6th of June will not be on the road.

NM: BID grant should be submitted asap and NM can help with this. However, it must be seen to be of direct benefit to the business ratepayers. JB thanked NM for his assistance.

NM: Brixfest (Sophie Bower) put on a 1940s event a couple of years ago and might have some pointers for BFCIC.

JB

SL closed the meeting and thanked the speakers, those who had attended and those who had contributed to the meeting.

AOB

John Rudden welcomed as Board Member

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.