
Minutes of 42nd Board Meeting of Brixham Future CIC held Thurs 23rd Nov 2023 @ 1200pm in Kings Barton House.

Present Board: Chair-John Brennan (JB), Steve Glanvill, SG (Secretary), & Richard Anderson, RA (Treasurer)

Co-Opted: Susan Laurie (SL), Cllr. Paul Addison (PA) Sasha Rakonersky (SR).

Guest: Helen Amber (HA) Brixham Community Builder

1) Introductions, apologies and welcome.

All welcomed and introductions. HA explained the role of BCB and the opportunities offer by `Time-banking`. She circulated leaflets.

2) Declaration of Interests.

SR declared an interest in Agenda **Item 12** as she may bid for this work when put out to tender.

No other Board Member had financial or conflicts of interest declarations to make.

3) Final Minutes of 41st Board Meeting of Brixham Future held Thurs 24th Aug 2023 @ 1230pm. Minutes (previously circulated) to Board. Board Member's agreed minutes unamended.

4) Action & updates

Deposit Account:

RA Treasurer proposed Nationwide whilst SL indicated Yorkshire BS Account offer better. Decision we would go with better offers with 3 or 4 Account Signatories.

Accountant:

Board agreed to amend AGM date to 14th March 1pm to allow more time for Accounts to be produced. Chair, Treasurer (RA) and Co. Secretary (SG) would liaise on details of public event.

Wine Club:

SR would progress in 2024.

5) Board membership recruitment update.

Sasha Rakonersky co-opted to Board. Still awaiting response from other local groups.

All recognized shortage of local volunteers post Covid 19.

6) Financial analysis.

We were cash positive £3,781. Our 12 x monthly Bank Statements would go to Accountant in Dec for complementation of our Annual Accounts.

7) Budget 2023/4

Anticipated budget for next year agreed.

8) Annual Accounts and AGM preparations

Once monthly Bank Statements received for end Nov all years would go to Accountant in Dec for our Annual Accounts. Once Accounts received we would give 14 day notice of AGM.

9) Recommended opening new Deposit Bank Account

Matter dealt with under Agenda Item 4.

Agreement that we would open with £50,000 (fifty thousand pounds deposit for 1 year term).

10) Fundraising updates.

JB reported successful £7K Heritage Grant for Poetry trail financing. Disappointed that Devon Community and Chamber of Commerce Grant applications unsuccessful. We had been offering £1 for £1 match funding from our Lottery income.

11) Quizzes` and other fundraising activities.

SR proposed we abolish the `to do` list until she had managed to put the communications strategy in place and linked the various components together.

12) Research Proposal

Board agreed to above subject to funding available. HA would talk to colleague Lynne Murphy at TCT.

13) Chamber & Community partnership meetings

SG had attended above on our behalf and briefed members on content/discussion.

14) St. Mary`s Churchyard

Condition of concern. Responsibility of Torbay Council who still had not come up with a long-term plan. Our role was simply to raise issue.

15) Churchill Gardens

PA explained background to Churchill Gardens commemoration Boards marking WW2 and local impact. It had been delayed due to Torbay H & S concerns over location. PA was liaising with the new Torbay Council administration to see if we can progress. SR would progress emails sent to Torbay Council.

16) 80th Anniversary of D-Day

PA explained that we had delivered the 75th celebrations. JB said a `straw poll` of local groups indicated strong support for event next year. Board agreed we would organise event in conjunction with other interested parties.

17) 80th Anniversary dinner dance

Suggested we hold above as part of celebrations but would need groups to `block -book` tables. Further research into venue/support to be progressed.

18) Pipeline projects

SL suggested we re-name `wish-list` as we cannot deliver all or immediately as subject to fundraising. PA suggested priorities for some rather than other projects.

19) Programme 2024/5 onwards

Board determined above 3 priorities as Murals, D-Day and Research project.

20) Murals -Literature and Poetry Trail

We had had several submissions for 5 sites around town. Four Board Members selected at Christmas Lunch meeting (shown around) most suitable style/ location. SL happy providing not `urbanised` street art but reflective of area`s heritage. Negotiations on-going and outcome would be back to Board to proceed after public consultation period.

21) Battle of Trafalgar Mural

We would be seeking separate funding for this and had already submitted application to Safer Communities Fund.

22) Brixham Lottery

SL was devising ways to promote and publicise to encourage more `individual` sellers to come forward, provide inducements to shop keepers/sellers to advertise etc. SL would seek to interview/use photos of previous winners.

23) Content & distribution of Lottery Cards

SL pointed out some `stamped` number unclear. PA has previously lent older stamper which we now replaced (rather than handwritten numbers).

24) Communications Strategy.

SR distributed report on Board Papers.

25) Publicity updates

SR briefed everyone on progress. She would be meeting with JS on website improvements. Explained that any budget for website improvements would have to be negotiated.

26) Christmas Market

JB & PA would be attending above and SR had some goods for distribution

27) AOB

JB off on holidays 7th to 22 Dec.

28) Next meetings

Next meeting set for 14th March at location to be determined (12 Noon) and AGM (1PM)

16) Action List

AGM Preparations JB/SG/RA

New Murals trail JB

Trafalgar Mural -Fundraising JB

Churchill Gardens Panels PA/SR

Brixham Wine Club-SR

Co-Op grant opportunity -SR/JB/SG

Research project JB

Christmas Brixham Lottery Tickets 9th Round –JB/SR/All

Open Deposit Account with £50k -RA/JB/SG

Explore CAF Bank option -JB / RA/SG

Recruitment new Board Members -All

Media / Face book etc -SR.

Website-SR/All

1940`s Programme Event JB