
Minutes of 26th Board Meeting of Brixham Future CIC held on Weds 31st March 2021 at 3.30pm at Kings Barton House in accordance with COVID 19 restrictions.

Present Board: Chair-John Brennan (JB), John Rudden (JR), Frances Robinson (FR) Keith Dodd (KD)

Co-opted present: Cllr. Jill Regan (JR) Cllr. Paul Addison (PA)

Apology for absence : All present

1) Introductions, apologies and welcome.

Board allowed to gather in groups up to 6 persons if practicing `social distancing`.

2) Declaration of Interests.

No financial or conflicts of interests declarations. No person known to suffering from COVID 19 symptoms.

3) Actions & Updates

Sally Lord had previously resigned as a Director with affect from 31st December. Her Gardens of Brixham guidebook project was being considered for future downloaded App (project proposal on next Board Papers)
All other matters arising on Agenda.

4) Minutes of last Board held Thursday 29th Oct 2020 330pm at Kings Barton House. `

DRAFT minutes (previously circulated) to Board. Members agreed by pages. No actions as matters on Board Papers.

5) Governance

JB explained after 3 years sensible to review legal status of organisation and possible future alternatives in paper presented for Board members consideration.

Board confirmed wished to retain CIC Status, not converting to CIO or seek charitable Status .Board recognises need to recruit new active Board members.

6) Fundraising in 2021

Members discussed paper presented recognizing the challenge to raise large sums to fund potential projects or posts to advance the organisation. JB explained about 85% of potential funder`s required Charitable status (linked to above Board Agenda Paper) –but this requirement also meant higher workload to cope with Charity Commission regulation etc. Board debated potential of Bid Writer or expert consultants to deliver targets. Board determined we would approach any potential candidates to progress.

New Projects in development

7) New Walking route

Route detailed for E2 route between London & Brixham following established `rights of way`. Circa 10% of visitors to Brixham were Walkers in this growing hobby. Previously large sums raised via sponsorship for projects or events etc. It would add another way to raise cash for us from community effort and generate publicity.

8) Elizabeth 2 Statue Project

PA reported we had received 3 quotes as attached. Agreed we should accept lowest –subject to funds being raised and finalizing location. We had a working party from local community groups/interested parties to progress under the previously Board meeting agenda and terms of reference etc.

Some discussion among local Town Councillors when idea presented at Feb Planning and Regeneration meeting.

9) Defeat the fraudsters

JB said we had an article published in `Brixham Signal`. This could be a potential project as Brixham had the highest number of retiree`s and elders in Torbay vulnerable to this crime. People needed information and support. Funders were sympathising to this type of post COVID 19 initiative.

10) Brixham Lottery

JR reported the 3rd issue (Electric Bike or £1,000) distributed and circa 100 tickets sold to date. The draw was on the Sunday 16th May –so still time to up-sell. The Brixham Lottery had the potential to provide us with a good income based on several Unique Selling Points including attractive prizes and low ticket sale which maximised participant's chances. The tickets made excellent presents for any occasion with good odds etc.

11) Brixham Burial Ground Project

Brixham People would now have to travel to bury and visit deceased relatives. Bereavement for our elders had become particularly painful. All agree If the opportunity arose we should seek to assist.

4 Papers presented to previous 25th Board .This demonstrated that it was feasible for us to set up a burial service in or around the Brixham area. The only barrier was the acquisition, development and set up which would require circa £263K to deliver.

A potential Business Plan was presented which demonstrated Income matching expenditure at circa £70K per year. PA commented that an `ashes only` site would be smaller and that sites nearby the Cricket Club and up Summercourt Way may be possible. Board agreed to progress further with stakeholders, appraise possible sites and seek lottery funding if feasible.

12) WW2 `Shadows` project

Because of Govt COVID 19 restrictions reducing gatherings to 6 people. We also had to raise funds of £2,000 but fundraising impacted by COVID 19. A local Veteran of both the North African and Italian Campaigns had agree to unveil the artwork –but given the current COVID 19 situation (he is 104 years old) in liaison with Royal British Legion we had decided to postpone.

13) Wall Murals

Our previous contractor had expressed an interest in delivering 10 new murals and the Board Paper provided the background to the project. JR had put considerable effort into identifying suitable sites.

14) Brixham Town Square

The paper details the points made at the last Town Council Planning and Regeneration Meeting. We need a Town Sq especially now that use of Old Fishing Quay restricted for public events etc.

15) AOB

No further matters were raised.

AGM followed at 425pm (see separate AGM Minutes)

16) Date of next meeting Sunday 16th May -630pm at Kings Barton House

Action List

New `Electric Bike` Lottery Cards to be distributed and information circulated-All

Fundraising options for submitting new bids to be pursued-FR/JB

Mobile App incorporating Gardens of Brixham project for next Board -JB

WW2 `Shadows` project date in late 2021 or New Year - JB & PA

Progress new projects – `Walking route, Elizabeth 2 PA/JB

Burial project to be progressed-PA/JR/ JB
