
Minutes of 27th Board Meeting of Brixham Future CIC held on Sunday 16th May 2021 at 6.30pm at Kings Barton House in accordance with COVID 19 restrictions.

Present Board: Chair-John Brennan (JB), Secretary -John Rudden (JR), Treasurer- Frances Robinson (FR) Board Member-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.

JB had made personal donation to the murals artwork.

No person present known to suffering from COVID 19 symptoms.

3) Conflicts of Interest Policy

JB referred members to need to update our records given 3 years since last reviewed.

4) Reserves Policy

JB said although we had policy to create reserves our deficit last year was £201. The negative impact of COVID 19 meant that any funders required `buffers`. To attract more funders we need larger cash reserves in our Accounts. He was working on Directors Loan policy for next Board.

5) Board Officer Roles

Everyone reminded of roles and responsibilities under the constitution and Standing Orders.

Board agreed co-option of Cllr. Jill Regan and Cllr. Paul Addison for a further 12 months following email from BTC.

6) Public liability (£5M) and Directors (£1M) Insurance

JR confirmed above secured via Zurich for further 12 months at cost of £100.

7) Final Minutes of 26th Board Meeting held 31st March 2021

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

8) Draft Minutes of AGM Minutes held 31st March 2021

DRAFT minutes to Board for next AGM approval. No further actions required until next AGM.

9) Fundraising in 2021

JB had submitted 6 small applications. All had been rejected. Still awaiting response from Veteran Association for funding to mark BIRTHDAY 26TH July of 105 year old local WW2 veteran Fred Bates. Board recognized need for Bid Writer or expert consultants to deliver targets. Board determined we would approach any potential candidates.

10) Post COVID 19 Business Plan

JB had re-drafted and updated Plan in light of Board potential projects /aspirations and post COVID 19 world. Approved by Board recognizing foundation to employed people if funding available.

Projects in development & updates

11) New Walking route

This not progressed beyond brochure of E2 route between London & Brixham following established `rights of way`. Circa 10% of visitors to Brixham were walkers. Sums could be raised via sponsorship and generate publicity etc.

12) Elizabeth 2 Project

PA reported 3rd Working Party met prior to Board. In essence agreed to :

-Approach individuals to become members of WP
-Deliver a series of E2 Coronation events/activities 2nd/3rd June weekend incorporating services & parades etc,
-Publish brochure of events and Souvenir book on theme of `Back to 1950`s` and seek to generate income
-Hold an official launch & fundraiser for E2 project & pursue individual contributions to fund.
-Progress potential Town Square site for E2 statue with Torbay Officers.
Board endorsed above.

13) Wall Murals

Board noted work to date received much praise on social media. Unfortunately artist work curtailed by weather and family bereavement. We will seek to progress and eventually have a trail of circa 10 murals.

14) Brixham Burial Ground Project

JB had a 1st zoom meeting with Torbay and Brixham Council representatives. We wished to make some progress on site in Torbay Council ownership. A potential private for sale site had been identified but closer to Paignton/Totnes. Brixham People would still have to travel to bury and visit deceased relatives. All agree if the opportunity arose we should seek to assist.

4 Papers presented to previous 25th Board demonstrating feasibility. The only barrier was the acquisition, development and set up which would require circa £263K to deliver. The 26th Board meeting had considered the Burial Business Plan which demonstrated Income matching expenditure at circa £70K per year. Board agreed to progress further with stakeholders, appraise possible sites and seek lottery funding if feasible.

15) WW2 `Shadows` project

Baptist Church had decline usage of their rear wall. Govt COVID 19 restrictions reducing gatherings to 6 people and funds of £2,000 required. A local Veteran (104 years old) of both the African and Italian Campaigns had agreed to unveil the artwork. His next Birthday fell on 26th July-but may not be possible to deliver for then.

16) Required Posts

Board recognises need to have above to deliver more –but funding unavailable and often only `matched`.

17) Total Funding Required

We need to generate substantial income of our own to become very successful. We have numerous good low cost projects /ideas but our onus must switch to fund-raising.

18) Procurement Club & Breakwater Lights

The PC required time in-put from a volunteer to succeed and raise funds for us.

KD reported that the BL project would require substantially more funds to deliver than original £75k

19) Celebrations to mark 105th Birthday of Fred Bates -26th July 2021

We would try to do `something` along lines of `Back to 1940`s` to mark above if possible despite short time-frames etc. We had applied to Veterans foundation for small grant and Trinity Cakes had offered to bake the cake.

Potential New Projects

20) Festival of the Sea 2022

JB reported we had been approached to deliver above in partnership with Seaman`s Mission.

21) Brixham Mobile Application

JR had suggested above and research showed potential but required capital outlay of circa £20k to deliver.

22) Domiciliary Care Project

Above would bring help to numerous elders in area but requires capital of £25k and annual subsidy to be viable.

23) Update Brixham Lottery

JR reported on the 3rd issue (Electric Bike or £1,000) distributed and 331 tickets sold to date. The Brixham Lottery could provide us with an independent income based on several Unique Selling Points including attractive prizes and maximised participant's chances. The tickets made excellent presents for any occasion with good odds etc.

24) Draw of Brixham Lottery

FR used the Random Number selector and drew 0301 which the 6 witnesses declared the winning ticket.

25) AOB

Brixham Town Square

JB had spoken at Zoom meeting of Town Council Planning and Regeneration Meeting. We need a Town Sq especially now that use of Old Fishing Quay restricted for public events, Pannier Market Closed etc.

Pirates Statue

We had been approached as possible location for modern sculptor of 2 female pirates for Brixham. They were 2 metres tall, weighing over 1 ton and required coastal setting. The lines of the statues are not `straight` reflecting people standing into the wind delivering an unusual `flow` affect of clothing.

Board discussed and considered they would support such a project.

No further matters were raised.

26) Date of next meeting Weds 30th June -230pm at Kings Barton House

27)Action List

` Electric Bike ` Lottery result 0301 to be distributed circulated-All
Fundraising options for submitting new bids to be pursued-FR/JB
Mobile App incorporating Gardens of Brixham project to progress -JB
WW2 `Shadows` project date in late 2021 or New Year - JB & PA
Progress new projects – `Walking route, Elizabeth 2 etc PA/JB
Progress Potential projects –Festival of Sea, BIMA, DCP
Burial project to be progressed-PA/JR/ JB
Pirates Statue –research further, contacts and make proposal.
