
Minutes of 28th Board Meeting of Brixham Future CIC held on Weds 30th June 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)
Keith Dodd (KD)

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

Apology for absence : Cllr. Jill Regan

1) Introductions, apologies and welcome.

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

2) Declaration of Interests.

No financial or conflicts of interests declarations.

Members present updated `Conflict of Interest Forms.

No person known to suffering from COVID 19 symptoms.

3) Final Minutes of 27th Board Meeting held 16th May 2021

Minutes (previously circulated) to Board. Members agreed Minutes.

4) Action & updates

These are to be covered in the Board Papers

5) Policy Review (reviewed list)

JB confirmed that all documents had been reviewed and updated. Given continuous changes, policies would have to be updated on `as and when` need basis. Our extensive policy framework should make us attractive to funders.

6) Review of Standing Orders

JB explained these fill the `gap` between the Constitution and practicalities of good governance required of us as an organisation that had adopted from foundation the NCVO Code of Good Governance. No changes had been made or proposed and copies of Constitution and Standing Orders available in paper or by email docs.

7) Inglewood

This was an Information Item. Discussion about the ramifications for Neighbourhood Planning in that the decision to allow development invalidated the plan which was democratically endorsed by public vote.

8) Directors Loan & 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 specific `Reserve Account`. The proposed Director`s Loan policy was endorsed by our Accountant and approved by Board.

9) Veteran Fundraising

JB confirmed we had been successful in obtaining £3, 0000 from Veteran Foundation. This would allow us to deliver the WW2 Shadows projects and mark the 105 Birthday of Mr. Fred Bates on Monday 26TH July with an appropriate 1940`s event centred on the Scala Hall.

FR would organize event including booking hall, entertainment, pre-preparations and post clean up. Board expressed wish that had the town square been available for public usage rather than car parking, we could have held an open air town wide celebration.

10) Minutes of Meeting with Town Clerk Weds 16th June 2021

Board expressed disappointment that so little progress had been made by Town Council in a number of key areas including Churchill Gardens, Burial Ground ,Breakwater lighting and Memo of Understanding.

11) Minutes of Elizabeth 2 working Party

Members noted above and progress to date. Gordon Oliver the former Mayor of Torbay would be joining group.

12) Projects in development & updates

New Walking route

This had progressed. It only needed someone to walk the route and provide the informal signposting. Circa 10% of visitors to Brixham were walkers. Sums could be raised via sponsorship and generate publicity etc.

Elizabeth 2 Project

PA reported 3rd Working Party Minutes on Board papers. In essence Board had previously agreed to :

- 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.

Wall Murals

We will seek to progress in November and eventually have a trail of circa 10 murals.

Brixham Burial Ground Project

Torbay Council had cancelled last Tues 29th meeting –so no progress to date. 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.

WW2 `Shadows` project

Baptist Church had decline usage of their rear wall. New Site adjacent to new car park wall mural to be confirmed. Supplier of profiles may be unable to deliver –so seeking alternatives as matter of urgency. Funds of £2,000 secured.. A local Veteran (105 years old) of both the African and Italian Campaigns had agreed to unveil the artwork. His next Birthday fell on 26th July-and we hoped to deliver for then.

Festival of the Sea

Meeting held on 28th June with Sarah Dorset of the Seaman`s Mission. Good progress made on establishing a working group to deliver an event circa 1st-4th Sept NEXT YEAR 2022.

Twin Women Statue

We had arranged meeting with Shoalstone Pool 6pm on Monday 5th July. We had engaged and secured a visit from the owner/sculptures Amanda Cotton who would be visiting Brixham from Sun 18th July to Weds 21st July at our expense. We would be arranging a programme for her to see sites and `meet & greet` relevant stakeholders.

Procurement Club & Breakwater Lights

The PC required time in-put from a volunteer to succeed and raise funds for us. The BL project would require substantially more funds to deliver than original £75k

Domiciliary Care Project

To deliver above we would have to secure adequate capital and revenue funding.

13) Re-instated `Back to 1940`s

JB said due to govt extension of lockdown until now at least until 19th July it was simply not possible to deliver anything on required timescale.

We would hope that one days celebration on Monday 26th July on the `Back to 1940`s` theme would suffice.

14) Potential New Project-Brixham Market

JR reported due to time constraint unable to progress. Report showed feasibility of us running a market in town Sq for 1 or 2 days per week.

15) Outcome of sales 3rd round Brixham Lottery

JR reported on the 3rd issue (Electric Bike or £1,000) 331 tickets sold and winning number 0301. We had made a £1,000 profit including a donation (refund) of £500 from the winner in Crafty Cwtch Cafe. The Brixham Lottery could provide us with an independent income. The tickets made excellent presents for any occasion with good odds etc.

16) Proposed Brixham Lottery Tickets 4th round –National Trust Life Membership 1st Prize.

Updated copy of distribution of local tickets circulated. The Closing Date was Weds 6th Oct 2021. We had printed several new handouts and posters focused on our Unique Selling Points at cost of £934.

17) Charity Stall -29th June

This opportunity had been missed.

18) Website upgrade

Board noted report.

19) Laywell House

Board expressed disappointment that such an opportunity would be missed for the community.

20) AOB

No further matters were raised.

21) Date of next meeting Weds 4th Aug -630pm at Kings Barton House

27)Action List

`Event to be planned and delivered to mark 105th Birthday of Fred Bates-26th July- All

Push on Brixham Lottery Tickets 4th Round –National Trust -All

Fundraising new bids to be pursued-JB

WW2 `Shadows` project date 26th July (if possible) or Nov - JB & PA

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

Progress Potential projects –Festival of Sea, BIMA, DCP

Burial project to be progressed-PA/JR/ JB

Pirates Statue –Programme and deliver successful visit 18th,19th and 20th liaising as necessary JB , JR & PA
