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Minutes of an Open Meeting of Brixham Chamber of Commerce held on 25th. July 2012 at The Berry Head Hotel.

- Those present:** Denise McDowell (Chairman), Keith Williams (Vice Chairman), Linda Shaw, Pauline Neal Jaqui Shaw (Coralline Health), Gordon Gout (Tides) Bridget Bowring (Quayside), Joe Cloutman (Sheepskin & Suede), Angela George & Mike Franchi (IMS Marketing), Brian Pearce (Smiles Fun Shop), Andy Wilson (New Ability), Julian Fisher, Belinda King (Lulubelle).
- Guests: Kevin Atkinson (TDA): Ed Steven, Sophie Cutforth (Crab Quay House)
- Health & Safety :** The Chairman pointed out the exits in the event of a fire.
- Apologies:** Simon James, Christian Miller, Bob Wooller (President), Michael Sara, Richard John, Carol Naughton.
- Minutes of last Meeting on 27/03/2012: Approved.
- Matters Arising: Under Minute 12, Road Closures; Torbay Council were under no obligation to give the Chamber advanced notice of road closures; it was therefore up to the Chamber to liaise closely with event organisers in order to be aware of these occasions.
- SPEAKERS: Mr. Kevin Atkinson – Executive Head of Regeneration, Torbay Development Agency – Tesco update.**

A 150 year lease signed with Tesco in May 2011 gives them effective ownership of the land. This conditional on the fact that they start the development within 5 years of this date, and allows sufficient time for necessary site investigations, planning and appeal, and consultation. Site sustainability and flood modelling has caused some delays due to re-submission by O.S. of satellite data on published levels for the area, and the fact that this process needs validation every step by the Environment Agency who are short of both money and staff at present. A three month extension for the submission has been granted.

Q. Does the outcome of the Edginswell planning application by Tesco have any bearing on the Brixham situation?

A. No.

Q. When revised plans are submitted will there be opportunity for public scrutiny?

A. Yes, when Tesco submit their planning application it will be available for public viewing as usual. There will likely be a public presentation of the proposals also.

Q. What happens if Tesco fail to develop within the 5 year period?

A. Reasonable lee-way will be granted for delays in the processing, but broadly, failure to begin

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development within the contract period will result in the land ownership returning to Torbay Council.

Q. Bolton Cross, Threshers building is a bit of an eyesore, when is this road improvement scheme due to take place?

A. Strictly a TC matter not TDA, but so far as I know B21 and Highways have agreed to start in Autumn 2012 in order to avoid traffic disruption during peak season.

**Mr. Ed Steven. MD. Ormand Hospitality Group. - Crab Quay
An introduction.**

House –

Ormand Hospitality Group also own The Glassblowing House in Plymouth. Crab Quay House is a development on two levels: Ground floor Deli and Fishmongers specialising in as much local produce as possible. Second floor restaurant with 90 indoor covers and a viewing balcony with a further 60 covers. Extensive glass affords good views from both indoors and out.

Ormand Group are very community spirited, welcoming involvement in local events and promotions. They will employ from local people wherever possible, and aim to promote the venture widely in order to draw footfall from Brixham and beyond.

Launch date within the next two weeks. Website is already up and running and advanced bookings are available. www.

Introductory leaflets were distributed.

The Chairwoman thanked both speakers.

8. Welcome new members: With apologies for low attendance tonight, summer business combined with the fact that this meeting had clashed with a neighbourhood plan meeting meant lower than usual attendance. There are several new members since our March meeting, who were welcomed, but the chair will do a more formal welcome at our November meeting when, hopefully attendance will be higher. DM emphasised the benefit of membership and stressed the importance of the liaison role that the executive members play with other committees and organisers in the bay.

9. Street/Farmers Markets. Plans were progressing well for Sunday 12th August when our first farmers market will occupy Fore Street. All necessary licences are in place. 45-50 stalls can be located so as to comply with blue light services requirements. Lots of publicity is now needed to attract public attention, plus good weather!!

Andy Wilson made a short presentation for an enhanced market proposal for Brixham. See attached sheet.

10. Voucher Scheme: No advancement to this project due to a continued shortfall in participants.

11. Parking Promotion: Not currently being well used by the public. More promotion needed.

DM to action a fresh promotional campaign for the holiday season. Larger promotional poster needed for central CP.

On parking issues- TC have indicated no more special discounts on parking charges (Thought to be too high anyway) due to budget constraints. It was noted that TC grant £1.2m in parking passes to their staff!

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Park & Ride.- Busses appear to be blocking the highway causing long tailbacks, rather than pulling into the P&R as they should.

KW to contact Richard Brown to investigate the problem.

12. Mary Portas Report: Torbay combined video submission had failed to win any funding.

13. Summer Fair 22-24 August.- Due to restriction in the width of Blackball Lane, the summer fair needed to occupy part of central CP again, as it did last year.

14. Brixham BID update: Babbacombe & St.Marychurch BID now underway and looking likely to succeed. This might spur Brixham traders on to a positive result if we go for a re-ballot. This not likely to be possible until New Year 2013.

15. Town Council Report. None

16. Tourism Partnership & Events: GG reported that maps were still going well; Larger poster format were now displayed in 5 locations at The Golden Hind, Seaman`s Mission, Breakwater, Central CP and Park & Ride. A 2013 calendar was now in production with scenes and events portrayed from around Brixham. Trader sponsorship needed @ about £95.00 per page. The calendar to be marketed through local Hotels, Guest Houses and Newsagents etc. Wholesale £2.00 to retail @ £5.00 .

17. Social: BP reported that Lupton House was booked for our Xmas dinner/dance for 23 November. Costs with entertainment worked out @ about £25.00 per head with 70 in attendance.. Entertainment WIP could include musical + Disco for £400.00 plus a cabaret comic Magician (£150.00) to be negotiated. Menu is published and will go on our website.

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18.Date of next meeting: (Provisionally Tues. 6th November 2012)

19.AOB. Estate Agents Project: A welcome pack from the Chamber to go with each new home-buyer pack