
MINUTES

1. Attendees

M Crabtree, Treasure
Alex Foley, Hospitality
Lynne Peets, Membership
Chris Slack, Arts and Crafts Market
Nigel Makin, Town Centre
Susan Laurie
Chris Bryson, Secretary

Apologies: - David Giles, E. Pippett, Tourism

2. Last meeting minutes. Agreed.

3. Matters arising.

- There has been no response from Torbay Council regarding the roadworks near Sainsburys.
- Oxen Cove development. None of the promised consultancies have been announced yet.

4. Executive updates.

4a. Markets.

- 3 markets held so far – one more than planned.
- The Saturday markets are fully booked through the summer and the Wednesday market bookings are currently up on last year.
- The Sunday market was moderately busy. A sign post is needed to divert people from the Quayside and up into Fore Street.
- A- boards are to be placed at each end of the old fish market to advertise the markets.
- LP to contact Gordon Gout to find out who has access to the notice board advertising Brixham events. Action LP.
- New street maps of Brixham need to be produced as the old ones are out of date. Action - AF, SL, EP.

4b Membership.

- One leaver and one new member. Total membership remains at 111.

4c. Parking

- The new charges are in place. The £1 for the first half-hour is considered too much and will have a detrimental effect, particularly discouraging locals from using the town centre shops, and driving them to the outer areas.
- Elsewhere in the bay the first short period of parking is free.
- The hour limit in the Central car park is considered too restrictive, should be 4 hours.
- It was suggested that an article be placed in The Herald pointing out the issues.
- It was also suggested that a request should be made under Freedom Of Information to establish what the costs incurred were and the cost benefits have been by introducing the new ticket machines.
- Lighting. Although several lights in the central car park have been repaired, there are still a number not working.
- Local councillors should be canvassed to support BCC.
- It was agreed that a few points need to be established with the Council:-
 1. Are the current charges intended to be year-round.
 2. That £1 for the first half-hour is reducing footfall.
 3. The long-term car parks are underutilised due to poor signage.

Action – NM to draft a letter for chairman to sign.

4d. Tourism.

- The English Riviera advert is now on TV in the Midlands areas. Hits on the ER website have increased.
- ER need to be encouraged to make all aspects of Torbay branded as ‘English Riviera’ so as to be coherent with the advertising campaign.

5. Topics for May General Meeting.

- Aim is to have two members and two guests to speak at the meeting.
- Suggested guests:- Shoalstone Pool and Brixfest

6. AOB.

- The BCC bank account is moving to Lloyds.

Next Exec. Meeting: - 8th May 2018 at the Conservative Club. 1800 to 2000 hrs.

Next Gen Meeting: - 22nd May at The Berry Head Hotel. 1900 to 2115 hrs.