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MINUTES

**1. Attendees**

M Crabtree, Treasurer  
E. Pippett, Tourism  
Alex Foley, Hospitality  
Ian Didlick, Sunday Markets  
Lynne Peets, Membership  
Chris Slack, Arts and Crafts Market  
Susan Laurie  
Chris Bryson, Secretary

Apologies: - Jacqui Shaw, Nigel Makin, Naomi Griffiths, David Giles

**2. Last meeting minutes.** Agreed.

- 3. Martyn Green.** Martyn's resignation was accepted. All expressed their regret at his departure. A gift of £75 and a bunch of flowers will be sent as a token of appreciation for his extensive efforts.  
Action – L Peets.

**4. Moving forward following Martyn's departure.**

**4a. Exec Roles.**

New members SA, CB, and NG were welcomed. All Exec members will carry on with their roles as before, with the following exceptions: -

MC will also act as Chair for the time being, organising and managing events, meetings and speakers; attend external meetings; issue any public comments.

CB will take up the role of Secretary; preparing agendas; recording and issuing minutes; managing general correspondence;

NG will assist CB by taking minutes at the General Meetings (to be confirmed).

**4.b Chamber priorities for 2018;-**

- Continue to develop the 'Love Brixham website. Actions needed:-
  1. Update and populate the website.
  2. Encourage local traders to take a page and provide a link to their own websites.
  3. Arrange links from Riviera Tourism and on Facebook.
  4. List all Brixham events.
  5. EG to meet Mike Franchi (IT) to discuss content and costs.
  
- Car Parking.
 

NM has had some contact with the Council. Need to find out from him what the current position is regarding summer pricing. Action – MC.

It was noted that the council has plan to refurbish the toilets, making them uni-sex.
  
- Oxen Cove.
 

Martyn had been dealing with this. Need to find out the current position from him. Action – MC.
  
- Plastic Waste.
 

AF is looking into this. Will try to get local firms to sign up to 'Fight back on plastic' campaign. Action – AF
  
- Membership.
 

New members could be encouraged to join by offering a profile in the newsletter/ website. Action – AF & LP.
  
- BCC to have a Facebook page. Action – EP.
  
- Re-launch the 'Members Discounts' section of the website. Arrange links with the membership payment receipts. Action – AF.
  
- Markets.
 

Continue as before with the Sunday markets (ID), and the Arts and Crafts markets (CS).
  
- Brochures.
 

More brochures will need to be printed. Need to find out costs. Action – EP

#### **4c. Budget.**

Money is still tight and while the initial planned expenditure has been covered we now have very limited funds until the market income starts coming in.

Our first aim is to bring the reserves back to £10,000 in order to cover the expenditure at the beginning of 2019. The income will be monitored throughout the year and funds will be made available as available.

The major requests for donations come from Brixfest, Brixham Pirates, and the Christmas lights we will have to see if we can donate any money when we have a better idea of our position.

#### **4d. Making use of the General Meetings.**

It was agreed to continue to invite up to two speakers at each meeting.

#### **5. Topics for March General Meeting.**

1. Update from Carolyn Custerson on the ERBID marketing plans for 2018, including TV advertising. CONFIRMED
2. (Possibly: Oxen Cove latest plans) TBC
3. (Hopefully: GDPR) TBC - Susan is going to contact the potential speaker she has met before, to see if they'd like to come along.
4. Member business presentations. BOTH CONFIRMED
  - a. Sebastian Mynott, Applied Genomics
  - b. Linda Village, Brixham Cottages / The Travel Chapter

#### **6. Feedback on Tourism Show.**

There was a large attendance from coach tour operators and bespoke operators.

Hunt's Cider made contact and are thinking of joining BCC.

There were many queries about ferry timetables. Possibly provided a link to ferry operators on 'Love Brixham'.

The Riviera advert was viewed and looked very professional, although not much about Brixham.

#### **7. AOB.**

MC is happy to carry on as Treasurer, as well as Chairman for the time being.

Roadworks at Sainsburys. AF tried to contact the Council about the delays, but has had no reply yet.

There as concern expressed about the large housing developments being built on greenfield sites around Brixham. Planning applications have been submitted. Members should be canvassed to find out if formal objections should be submitted.

Next Exec. Meeting: - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Conservative Club. 1800 to 2000 hrs.

Next Gen Meeting: - 27<sup>th</sup> March at The Berry Head Hotel. 1900 to 2115 hrs.

