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MINUTES

**1. Attendees**

M Crabtree, Treasure  
Alex Foley, Hospitality  
E. Pippett, Tourism  
Chris Slack, Arts and Crafts Market  
Chris Bryson, Secretary  
David Giles

Apologies: - Nigel Makin, Town Centre; Lynne Peets, Membership, Jacqui Shaw.

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

**3. Executive updates.**

**3a. Treasurer & Chairman**

- The successful markets have contributed significantly to Chamber funds.
- MC to contact Lynda McGurk about the Lantern & Lights; there is an issue regarding the event insurance.

**3b. Markets.**

- The arts and crafts markets have been very successful, with few cancelations.
- Stallholders are all pleased with the level of activity.
- Last one is 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Sunday Markets are only just breaking even, need more stallholders.

**3c. Tourism**

- Information Point: EP has had a meeting with the Town Council to discuss some issues. The Ip will be moving out when the museum closes for the winter season and relocated in the Town Hall.
- On Facebook the chamber has had 46 new names in the last month.

- BCC website: need to review the usage of the website and, with continuing low numbers, possibly consider only using social media.
- Brixham Guide. EP to obtain prices for printing more copies.
- The advert for Brixham in the Riviera website has gone in and looks good.

### **3c. Hospitality.**

- The Seafood Feast event has just finished. Not possible at the moment to gauge what impact it has had.

## **4. Brixham Town Council update.**

- At the public meeting in the Scala Hall there were many complaints about the amount of noise when pubs turn out in the early hours. There were also complaints about scooter gangs in the town centre. The police have already started to take action on both counts, but are hampered by lack of officers.
- A consultant has been appointed to take forward the plans for regenerating the Town Hall. CB has started to attend the Working Group meetings on behalf of the Chamber.
- Several of the incumbent local councillors will be standing down at the next elections. A 'Candidate Café' is being set up to encourage more people to stand for election as local councillors. There are details in the Brixham Signal.

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

- Flossie and Jim are booked to speak.
- Andrea from 'Maison et Vie' are also booked to speak.

## **6. The future of BCC.**

- More Exec members are needed in order to champion local issues.
- More actions by BCC will create more interest in the chamber, which in turn will help attract more members.
- Consider placing a large article in the Brixham Signal, giving a round-up of all the activities undertaken by the chamber over the last year.

## **7. Direction and activities for the next year.**

- Event boards to be updated.
- Distribute more Brixham Guides, updated but keeping the same format.

- D Day events to be considered.
- Relaunch the discount scheme.
- More suggestions are requested.

Next Exec. Meeting: - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Conservative Club. 1800 to 2000 hrs.

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