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Brixham Community Partnership priorities for Torbay Council's spend in Brixham

The Community

Continue to support and maintain adult and social care/children's services. Care in the community - ensure no-one is homeless or living in unhealthy surroundings with insufficient food/care. Support local preschool facilities and ensure that young people are educated in life lessons, i.e., debt avoidance, saving for a house, having children, voting, drugs, alcohol and diet. Improve infrastructure and services as the community expands & ensure there are affordable homes. Retain good medical services. Support local police and maintain visible policing.

Tourism

The main issue is road access to Brixham - limited access in and out causes considerable problems and is a deterrent both to tourists and to businesses. New housing construction puts additional pressure on the road network and access is completely blocked when even the smallest accident occurs. Parking in Brixham is an issue with very little on-road parking available. The Central Car Park which yields approximately £400,000 in parking charges annually has had no investment ploughed back into it for years. The Park & Ride is available but some considered it expensive. This is affecting tourism and compares poorly against the accommodation provided to, for example, tour buses in Dartmouth. Coaches should be encouraged to use Oxen Cove. It is essential that the town's facilities/attractions be maintained for tourists, e.g., Shoalstone & Admiral pools, Berry Head, Museum, Battery and Town Hall. Of particular concern is the potential loss of our theatre. Finally, the public toilets are a disgrace and should be completely refurbished/rebuilt.

Business

Efforts should be made to attract and retain businesses. Maritime business would benefit from a Northern Arm. Fore Street should be revitalised without losing its quaint character.

The Voluntary Sector

Encourage, support and involve the voluntary sector, e.g. Pride in Brixham, Youth Genesis, Rotary, YES, etc., which is increasingly picking up the load being dropped by councils.

The Environment

Green spaces - we need to protect the limited green spaces that we have left, especially between Brixham and Churston. Torbay Council and speculative developers are aggressively pursuing planning permission to build on these spaces which will severely affect both the environment and road access to Brixham.

In conclusion, it was felt that in order for this sort of exercise to be undertaken successfully, that more information is required on the proportion of money raised by Torbay Council that is spent on Brixham annually. Also, greater accountability is required from individual TC departments when spending ratepayers' money. It was suggested that Brixham Town Council could be abolished to save money although others suggested that not only should BTC be retained but that it should take over direct responsibility for Community Spaces/Parks, street-cleaning, refuse-collection and toilets (with a commensurate increase in funding from Torbay Council).