

Friends of Berry Head
Meeting held on 17th January 2017

Present: Trevor Spratt
Alex Foley
Tom Canham
Peter Browne
Helene Browne
Margot Hill
Dizzy Child
Pippa Williams
Michael Pollock

Also Present: Alex Leaf

Apologies: Tony Heard, Mary Foulstone, Stevie Tyrer, Noel Hughes

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved

Defibrillators for Brixham

Alex Leaf was welcomed to the meeting in his capacity as one of the representatives of a consortium of town centre businesses formed to raise funds to purchase several defibrillators to be installed around the town centre.

Alex L briefly explained his background as a First Aid training provider and went on to talk about the types of machines currently available, how they operate and how it was the intention of the consortium to purchase and install the same model of machine at the same time.

Trevor and Alex Foley informed the meeting that they had already attended meetings of the consortium and confirmed that the Friends' wished to be part of the initiative to purchase a defibrillator to be installed on the Reserve.

Trevor said that he had looked into the merits of obtaining a defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation and whilst this was possible and there were significant cost benefits in doing so, there was a stipulation that the equipment was not allowed to be housed in a protective casing. Alex L confirmed that the consortium had already decided that any machines purchased would need protection from weather and vandalism despite the extra costs this would involve.

After much further discussion, it was agreed

l) the question on where to install a defibrillator needed to be addressed at an early stage given that sufficient funds were available to make a purchase

ii) to seek advice from the Director of the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust as to where it might be possible to install a defibrillator without contravening any regulations

iii) an invitation be extended to the Director of the Trust to attend the AGM in March

Report from Alex (Café)

Alex reported that the café remained busy over the Winter months and that he was looking to recruit more staff.

In answer to a question, Alex went on to further report that Natural England had been unable to give permission for evening events to take place at the café all year round because an objection to do so had been lodged and therefore the matter remained unresolved for the time being.

Fund Raising

It was reported that the bookstall continued to provide a steady source of income albeit on a more limited scale during the winter months.

Alex briefly reported on developments to compile a 2018 Calendar which could be underpinned by a photographic competition.

Trevor said he was trying to persuade other users of the Reserve to join the Friends' by way of trying to bolster the limited membership and numbers attending meetings. Trevor went on to say that he remained concerned that any plans to run certain fund raising activities were likely to be thwarted given the limited membership.

Dates and times of future meetings

March 21 (**AGM**) 10.00am

March 16 10.00am

July 18 10.00am

September 19 10.00am

November 21 10.00am

January 16 2018 10.00am