

## REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 21 07 25

The Committee now consists of Tony Pratt (Chair), Jeff Needham (Vice Chair & Treasurer), Ian Crawford (Secretary), Mark Haworth-Booth, Sue Prosper and John Puddy. Chris Hassall, a very long serving member of this Sub-Committee having semi-retired remains as a “consultant”, especially in planning matters.

The Committee has met twice since **Forum, April 28th**, on 16<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> June. Discussion and action has been undertaken on the following topics;

1. The following **Planning Matters** have been considered and/or responses made:-

a) **Richmond Dock, Appledore (TDC 0718), a Grade 2 Listed Building.**

After careful consideration and consultation it was decided to oppose this application in the main because there were so many important aspects not addressed in it, several from such bodies as the Environment Agency. A rider was added to the effect that should TDC be mindful to approve no work should start until the outstanding objections were met.

b) It has been reported that the controversial application by **White Cross** for the landfall and route of its wind farm cables has been approved by NDC.

c) The Committee is currently considering further application by Baker Estates for more housing down **Wooda Road**. While this is not directly adjacent to the estuary such development may in the future affect work at the shipyard.

2. **Finance** a) A proposal by the Treasurer that we have a **reserve** of £2000 so that early action can be taken recover that balance such as reinstatement of subscription fees. The principle of having this reserve was agreed.

b) It was agreed in the May meeting that in the interests of safety that we purchase a boiler for use at main meetings and the Treasurer researched the cost and following consultation with the Committee purchased same for £68.62

3. **Succession of Officers;** The Secretary confirmed that the last meeting he would attend would be the P&CC prior to the AGM on 19th January 2026 and the final activity would be issuing notice of the AGM and other correspondence leading up to the AGM. This highlights the increasingly urgent need for a replacement. A job description has been placed on the website. If you think you can help please contact myself or the Secretary.

4. **Meetings Attended;** TP has attended a meetings of the Harbour Users Group and a meetings of the Taw Torridge Champions Group.

5. **Other Matters;** a) **Website.** The website has been amended with a new sub-heading entitled “Current Issues” which will highlight important items for relatively urgent consideration by members and others. Thanks to Chris Dee for his

help in this. Chris has ~~been asked to~~ **has agreed to repeat his excellent** monitor hits **report** and provide a quarterly report. He ~~kindly agrees to do so.~~

b) **The Torridge Estuary Economic Report** has been considered and comments forwarded to Chris Fuller. TP re-emphasised these at the recent Harbour Users Group. The draft is now with TDC.

c) **Future Speakers.** It was agreed that a list of future speakers be drawn up. Contributions to the list from Members are very welcome.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF July, 2025