

REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 20 10 25

The Committee remains as; 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 the July Meeting on 29th August and 26th September.

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.** This application has been monitored by the P & CC but to date it has not appeared before the TDC Planning Committee.

b) **Lake Roundabout Development.** This development of a service station and industrial units, while not immediately next to the river might cause problems of run off into the Taw so it was opposed on those grounds

2. **Finance** The Treasurer has been monitoring expenditure over the last six months. Details can be found on the P & CC minutes. It was concluded and agreed that there was no need for subscriptions to be charged for 2026. There has been an instance where expenses were paid to a charity based speaker but this is not intended as a precedent.

3. **Future Speakers.** It was agreed to ask Paul Brown, Bideford Harbour Master and Pilot to give a presentation at the October Meeting and that Tom Humphreys on his work for the Biosphere be approached for the January Meeting. Mary Breeds was to be asked for the April Meeting and Navantia (new owners of Appledore Shipyard) for July.

Members were to be asked if their organisation might be prepared to give a presentation on its work.

4. **Other Matters.**

a) **Taw & Torridge Estuary Strategy.** TP was liaising with Chris Fuller (TDC) on the way forward.

b) **River Champions.** John Puddy represent TTEF and has reported on arrangements to start monitoring water quality on the Kenwith River, a tributary of the Torridge.

c) **Devon Maritime Forum.** This has been disbanded following withdrawal of funds by DCC. We will follow this up.

d) **Officer Succession.** No volunteers have been forthcoming for the Secretary's post so further options are being pursued.

e) **Yelland Power Station Development.** Following comments at the July Meeting TP has written to NDC enquiring as to the Council's checks on compliance on this development. So far no response has been received.

f) **NDC Quays.** A newspaper report that NDC was considering closing its three quays is being followed up.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF October, 2025