

REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 21 10 24

The Committee consists of Tony Pratt (Chair), Jeff Needham (Vice Chair), Ian Crawford (Secretary), & Mark Haworth-Booth.

Chris Hassall, a very long serving member of this Sub-Committee having semi-retired remains as a “consultant”, especially in planning matters.

Jim Bell, a long term supporter of TTEF and member of the P&CC has resigned for personal reasons. His in depth knowledge of planning and very considerable input to all matters will be sorely missed. Thanks, Jim and best wishes for the future. We have written him a formal a letter of appreciation.

This means that the P&CC is now reduced in number. We have for some time been concerned about the small size of the Committee and **appeal for new members urgently**. If interested please contact Chairman or Secretary.

Committee has met once since the Main Meeting on 15th July, 2024.

Discussion and action has been undertaken on the following topics;

1. The following **planning matters** have been considered and/or responses made:-

a) **White Cross**. Yet another strongly worded objection on the well rehearsed grounds has been written

b) **Anchorwood Bank**. Attempts to discover the ownership of the marshland here have been unsuccessful. Neither the various developers, NDC or Barnstaple Town Council know. Reference to the Land Registry is expensive

c) The Committee is considering a new approach to planning and other matters which will highlight items to members to ensure that they can react in their own right as appropriate.

2. **Finance**. Jeff Needham has kindly volunteered to become TTEF Treasurer. This will need ratification at a main meeting. He is currently updating the accounts and organising online banking.

3. **Constitution**. Considerable time has been given to rewriting the Forum’s Constitution. A draft will be presented to members with a view to adoption at the AGM.

4. **New Website**. Final details of the new website having been agreed the site is now live and contains sections for members to submit information re events and to report bird disturbance for example. Thanks again to Chris Dee, Webmaster.

5.. **Youth Involvement**. Mr. Joe Newberry from the N. Devon National Landscape came to a meeting to advise on how best to proceed. This was very helpful and the Grant Scheme would now be publicised in the local press and an application form is provided on the new website.

6. Meetings Attended; The Chairman has attended a Partnership Meeting of the Biosphere, representing the TTEF but for personal reasons had to send apologies to the latest meeting of the Harbour Users' Group (HUG). The Secretary, on behalf of TTEF, attended a National Landscape workshop on Sept. 25th, shaping the next Management Plan on how best to deliver essential real change for nature recovery and climate action on the North Devon Coast.

7. New Members; The Committee has received interest to join TTEF from Bideford Sustainability Group and Devon W.I.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF, October, 2024