

## REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 20 01 25

As before, the Committee consists of Tony Pratt (Chair), Jeff Needham (Vice Chair & Treasurer), Ian Crawford (Secretary), & Mark Haworth-Booth. Sue Prosper and John Puddy have both volunteered to join the P & CC.

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

All of the above have expressed their willingness to continue to serve and it is hoped that their positions will be confirmed at the AGM. If any one wishes to be considered for any of the Committee roles please contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

Committee has met twice since the Main Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 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.** We continue to monitor this controversial application and understand that there may well be new developments in the New Year.

b) There has been little else of planning activity except to note that temporary permission has been given for the retention of the “**lego**” **blocks** along the access road to the power station site for 5 years!

c) The Committee has considered a new approach to planning and other matters which will highlight items to members to ensure that they have information to react in their own right as appropriate. This will take the form of a “blog” on the TTEF website. Final details are still to be established.

2. **Finance.** Jeff Needham has been working extremely hard to sort out the Forum’s financial affairs and digitalise the accounts. He has now completed this important work and the Committee thanks him for his efforts.

3. **Constitution.** This has now been completed and a draft will be presented to members with a view to adoption at the AGM.

4. **Youth Involvement.** The grant scheme is now up and running and has been publicised on the website. Letters have been sent to the local press but do not appear to have been printed. There has ben one expression of interest which at the time of writing is awaiting further information from the applicant.

5. **Other Matters;**

a) **AGM** agenda and a speaker, Louise Wainwright has been arranged. She will speak on the work of the “Avon River Champions”.

**b)** Linked to the above a meeting has been set up to consider a similar grouping, the North Devon River Action Group. TP is attending to see how this might dovetail with the work of TTEF.

**b) Wrecks and Houseboats.** TP has passed information to Sue Prosper on possible ways forward in relation to the River Caen at Velator.

**c) New Members.** The Secretary has been in touch with the National Trust, the Environment Agency and Natural England to foster new contacts.

**Officer Succession.** At least one Forum Officer has indicated that he will be retiring next year so this important matter will be a main item on the next P & CC agenda. If there are any ideas re process or personnel please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF, January, 2025