

REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 28 04 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. Sue and John have now joined the Committee.

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 AGM, on 14th Feb. and 4th April.

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 have responded to their recent re-application. We support Love Braunton’s latest action re a legal challenge.

b) we are in the process of looking at two further applications;

i) minor variations to the **Brunswick Wharf** applications. These do not appear controversial.

ii) A major application concerning **Richmond Dock, Appledore (TDC 0718), a Grade 2 Listed Building.** This involves covering the dock and using it to store/renovate old vessels and constructing a “welfare building. At the time of writing we have not been able to fully consider a response. We encourage members to consider this application and let us know their views to inform our response.

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. The website is to be amended to have 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.

2. **Youth Involvement.** The grant scheme is now up and running and has been publicised on the website. An excellent application has been received from the Youth Section of North Devon Yacht Club to provide signage re wildlife to members and visitors to the Club. This has been approved and a cheque for £100 forwarded.

3. **Contacts;** Contact has been made with the E.A. who will be sending a rep to future meetings and with Bideford Town Council who will be doing the same.

4. **Meetings Attended;** TP has attended a meeting of the Harbour Users Group and a meeting organised to consider setting up a Taw Torridge Champions Group.

JP has attended the Island Assembly meeting at Burgh Island Hotel on the 13th March. This was to support clean rivers and clean seas.

IC has attended North Devon Coast National Landscape partnership on 29th Jan.’25

5. Other Matters;

a) Officer Succession. At least one Forum Officer has indicated that he will be retiring at the end of this year so this important matter is currently under consideration at P &CC. Job Descriptions for Officers and Secretary have been written. If there are any ideas re process or personnel please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF April, 2025