

TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (TTEF-P&CC)

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 27th June 2025 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

PRESENT Jeff Needham, Tony Pratt, Ian Crawford, John Puddy, Sue Prosper

APOLOGIES Chris Hassall, Mark Haworth-Booth

MINUTES of 16th May 2025 Accepted and adopted

URGENT MATTERS ARISING None

PLANNING MATTERS

ChilPark Fremington - Planning Application 78364. This development for 101 houses has now been approved and we have raised no objections

JP raised an application by Baker Estates affecting land at Wooda Road which Northam Town Council have objected to. As this reduces green belt around Appledore it was considered important for us to monitor(PA No.?).....**Action All**

FINANCE

JN Reported the balance of funds is £3151-46 after expenditure of £25 for room hire and £68.62 on a new boiler for refreshments at Forum meetings.

Other Matters Arising

a)Action Reports

i) **All** continued monitoring of railway development showed no change

ii) **IC**

a) **Devon Marine Forum** have no meetings scheduled. A reminder had been sent regarding our interest. It was suggested that Cllr Teresa Tynsley on DCC be approached to support re-establishment of the Devon Marine Forum **Action TP**

b) **Earth Action North Devon IC** made enquiries and established that EAND supersedes Plastic Free North Devon as an organisation.

c) **Speaker for July IC** had reported that Zoe Smith of Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation had offered to speak on the subject white tailed eagle introduction to Exmoor and was asking for a fee of £50. As we had not recently had to pay any of our speakers a fee it was agreed that payment would not set a precedent. After further discussion, consideration of future speaker fees was not ruled out and it was agreed to offer travelling expenses as a courtesy, when booking future speakers. IC had suggested to the speaker a presentation of up to 25 minutes plus 15 minutes for Q&A /discussion it was agreed that we ask for 30 mins.....**Action IC**

The need was identified to forward plan speakers and it was proposed that an invitation for speakers be posted on the website in liaison with Chris Dee **Action TP**

iii) **TP**

a) **Richmond Dock** - Our opposition had been recorded. Decision pending.

b) **Rivers Group** TP reported that priority will be given by the group to the Torridge although name of group remains as Taw & Torridge Rivers Champions. A Fb page is to be established and a model parish is being sought to develop parish support for the project. Consensus exists to establish more support for the Taw and JP offered to contact both Fremington and Barnstaple Councils on behalf of the group. IC to forward respective council contacts to JP..... **Action IC**

b) **Website** TP had been in touch with Chris Dee who had agreed to produce a quarterly 'web usage' report. IC confirmed that the Secretary' job description and the vacancy from January 2026 is posted on Current Issues page. It was agreed that we should all check the website to ensure information is up to date

c) **Torridge Estuary Strategy/HUG report** TP considered that the Strategy lacked - emphasis on climate change and projected rises in sea level - aspiration to extend the harbour control area, possibly up to the industrial pier at Yelland. - requirement for an estuary manager to assist the harbour master - support for citizen scientists and a review of the dredging plan. It was considered that the strategy produced by Chris Fuller had been restricted in its vision by council budget considerations. As it was not clear as to how TDC will take the strategy forward after the closure of consultation, TP offered to contact CF to find out how the consultation process will be concluded..... **Action TP**

iv) **JN**

a) **Boiler** JN proposed that the boiler be placed in the kitchen for safety and teapots used for tea.

b) **Constitution** Any updates including Chair succession points agreed at previous meeting will be presented to the AGM

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Succession** - The Forum will be reminded that we are still looking for a volunteer to take over from January's AGM

b) **July's Meeting** - The agenda needs to be with the Secretary by Friday 4th July for issue on Monday 7th, giving two weeks notice..... **Action TP / IC**

AOB

JN pointed out that he generally was the only committee member washing up after the refreshment break. A rota was proposed to ensure a minimum of 2 on clearing cups and a proposal that the Chair does not recommence the business after the break until all cups are returned to the kitchen. **2/3**

Catering Rota as follows: JULY - JP + JN, OCT. - IC + JN, JAN. - SP + JN

Planning changes which favour developers are of concern to us - a document is to be circulated to P&CC members and consideration of inviting a future speaker from CPRE was agreed.

IC proposed future speakers John & Mary Breeds on Braunton Burrows & SSSI status. Given the support coming from the shipyard owners, Navantia, for local shipping access inviting them to speak was proposed

There was general support for establishing a programme of Speakers and this and a decision on our October speaker to be on our next agenda..... **Action TP**

NEXT MEETINGS: Fri.29th August, Fri. 26th Sept