

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 29th August 2025 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

PRESENT Jeff Needham, Tony Pratt, Ian Crawford, Sue Prosper, Mark Haworth-Booth

APOLOGIES John Puddy, Chris Hassall,

MINUTES of 27th June Accepted and adopted

URGENT MATTERS ARISING None

PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Richmond Dock** - TP reported the rumour that Appledore residents will accept this planning application and that subject to the TDC accepting our 10 provisions for acceptance we have no further objection. It was confirmed that the decision was 'called in' and will be decided by the planning committee.
- b) **Lake Roundabout** - Our submitted objection to this fuel station and store at the junction of A361 & A39 was to the effect on river wildlife and possible pollution of the River Taw and its being surplus to the existing service provision in the locality
- c) **Bishops Tawton Roundabout** - MH-B reported that this application was unlikely to be supported by NDC as the field is the last green space making a distinction between Rumsam & Bishops Tawton.

FINANCE

JN reported he had done a monitoring assessment of our expenditure over the last 6 months which came to £410-02 compared to £400-74 for the 12 months of 2024. Recent expenditure was £12-07 refreshments, £50 room hire for two meetings and £45 speaker's expenses, leaving a balance in the bank of £3,044-39. A discussion about funds ensued and concluded that membership organisation fees would not be necessary for 2026. It was agreed that the chair and the treasurer would invite donations from membership organisations at the AGM in January, on the basis of rising expenditure which arises from the policy of offering expenses to speakers

Action TP & JN

Other Matters Arising

a) Action Reports

i) **IC a) Rivers group** - contact details of two Barnstaple & Fremington councillors have been sent to JP to raise support for the River Taw **Action JP**

ii) **TP a) Devon Marine Forum** - still no advice of their meetings

b) **Estuary Strategy** - Chris Fuller is working with Paul Brown on each section of the estuary with a view to setting up sub-committees for these sections. TP offered to bring details of these sections to our September P&CC **Action TP**

c) **Rivers Group** - At a recent Rivers' Group meeting arrangements were being made to start monitoring of water quality in the Torridge at Bideford. The Kenwith stream would be targeted on October 4th. A CSI Group has already been set up at North Devon Yacht Club to monitor water there."

d) **Future Speakers** JN suggested Paul Brown on the basis that his work as Harbour Master would be of interest at October's Forum. Shipyard Owners, Navantia were proposed for the AGM in January. A discussion led to the conclusion that we could encourage Forum member to be speakers. IC put forward Chris Dee from WeBS and it was agreed we ask him as a fall back if Paul Brown is unavailable. TP agreed to approach Paul B and in the event that he is not available IC agreed to contact Chris D. Mary Breeds had offered to speak in the spring - IC offered to contact her for confirmation for April's Forum.....**Action TP & IC**
This forward plan for speakers was considered effective and avoided the need to advertise an invitation to Forum membership organisations on our website.

iii)**JN** a) Constitution update is not required until the AGM **Action JN**

iv) **Any other matters** Regarding the prospect of a rail connection from Bideford to Barnstaple, JN reported on the concept of pods suspended on a monorail system which would require less invasive structural engineering although siting it on the Tarka trail was recognised as visually intrusive.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Succession** - As no volunteers were forthcoming to take up the Secretary vacancy at January's AGM a discussion on the prospect of local council clerks being suitable candidates, subject to their availability with an agreed remuneration based on an annual hours **estimate of 40 hours** to cover minuting for 8 P&CC meetings and 4 Forums plus distribution of Agendas and Minutes plus some correspondence. Consideration was given to making contact with all estuary parish / town councils and as JN had made such an approach to one clerk it was agreed to await the outcome of his enquiry - if negative IC will contact all clerks ...**Action JN & IC**

b) Follow up from July's Meeting

i) **Yelland Power Stn. Site** - In view of concerns raised at the Forum over the provision of a wall to reduce noise from the building site and other compliance requisites raised by NDC, TP offered to write to the council to seek confirmation of compliance.....**Action TP**

ii) **Youth Grant** - TP reported that the project by the ND Yacht Club Youth Committee has been completed and an information board has been erected providing visitors with information on the estuary ecology. A report is due at the end of the project.

c) **Current Issues** SP reported that the crowd funding for the campaign against the cable access at Saunton Sands by the White Cross wind farm is ongoing and proposed that a write up on our website under Current Issues would be appropriate. SP agreed to send a script to TP for posting**Action SP & TP**

AOB - SP gave her apologies as unable to attend the next P&CC

Catering Rota as follows: October - IC + JN, January - SP + JN

NEXT MEETING: Fri. 26th September at 2.30pm