

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 26th Sept. 2025 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

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

APOLOGIES Sue Prosper, Chris Hassall,

MINUTES of 29th August Accepted and adopted

URGENT MATTERS ARISING None

PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Richmond Dock** - Awaiting a decision from TDC Planning Committee.

FINANCE

JN reported he had purchased a thermos flask to hold hot water on the refreshments table - cost £18-00 leaving a balance of £3026-39 in the account

OTHER MATTERS ARISING

a) Action Reports

i) IC

a) **Future Speakers** IC had not contacted Mary Breeds and will contact her re speaking at April's Forum. TP confirmed that Paul Brown has agreed to speak at October's Forum. IC will invite PB of to speak for 30 minutes with 10 mins for Q&A /discussion..... **Action IC**

ii) TP

a) **Devon Marine Forum** - communications from Bev Phillips, Marine, Estuaries and Coastal Officer at DCC confirmed the proposal to wind up the DMF. After a discussion and concern over the demise of this forum, it was agreed that we should respond to DCC asking who are the other forum members with a view to contacting them from TTEF. IC will send an email to Bev Phillips with a copy to P&CC members and Paul Brown **Action IC**

b) **Estuary Strategy** - TP reported at the last P &CC Chris Fuller is working with Paul Brown on each section of the Estuary Economic Strategy with a view to setting up sub-committees for these sections. Currently. nothing has been heard re progress. TP to follow up..... **Action TP**

c) **Future Speakers** Following some discussion and acceptance that a Navantia speaker at the AGM would be too similar in consecutive meetings to Paul Brown's potential content, so Navantia moved to July.

Summarising our Speakers - October, Paul Brown, Tom Humphreys on his Communities role with the Biosphere for the AGM, Mary Breeds for April and Navantia for July. **Action IC**

d) **Yelland Power Station** Jeremy Bell, at July's Forum, had raised the planning condition that a wall be erected to contain the site development construction noise. TP has written to NDC about compliance and not received a response - TP offered to follow this up. **Action TP**

iii)**JN**

a) **Succession** Tawstock Parish Clerk, Martyn Isaacs, has been approached by JN and has agreed to take minutes at the AGM and to circulate them to our mailing lists - a fee of £100 has been agreed with him IC confirmed that his last minuted meeting would be the P&CC prior to the AGM and that he would distribute the agenda for the AGM together with October's minutes. IC will also update the emailing lists and spreadsheets showing all member organisations and contact details. JN offered to cover minute taking at P&CC meetings and will liaise with IC re handover of files in December. **Action JN & IC**

iv)**JP**

a)**Update on Rivers Group:** JP reported that a website has been established. <https://www.taw-and-torridge-river-champions.org/public/landing.php> Emily Clark is group Secretary. Westcountry Rivers Trust are to provide a training day on Oct 4th to enable the Volunteers to carry out water quality monitoring on the Kenwith river as there are a couple of easy access points and it is close to a large population of potential volunteers. The aim is to make monitoring a social activity to encourage greater participation, particularly to encourage families' and community engagement. Katy Lee represents the Biosphere as an active member of the group. Andy Bell from the Biosphere is supporting the project. Once the training is done the WRT will provide the testing equipment. This project is seen as a leading example which should encourage other groups to join, setting up more river monitoring groups.

v) **Any Other Matters** JN asked if the the Youth Grant project was progressing at NDYC. As the information board had not been installed, which is the essence of the project TP agreed to speak to Silas and remind him that a report is due. **Action TP**

NEW BUSINESS:

North Devon Quays A recent announcement by NDC that it could not afford the cost of complying with recent Government safety regulations applying to 3 quays in North Devon, at Barnstaple(Taw), Rolle Quay(Yeo) and Fremington (Taw) is seen as short sighted and would restrict permanently any future leisure or indeed commercial activity. JP reported that the Barnstaple Harbour Master had confirmed that the main factors are insurance as well as equipment costs. The question of what happens if someone falls in the river and the ladders are not maintained how do rescuers access the victim or how does the victim get ashore, given the height of the quays. TP offered to write to NDC with a case for retaining their use. **Action TP**

AOB

Harbour Users Group (Bideford) - Next meeting is on 7th October - TP to attend

Port Authority for Bideford - TP reported that there is interest in creating a Harbour Authority in a group outside of the TTEF, which supports our position on the matter.