

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 14th Nov. 2025 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

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

APOLOGIES Chris Hassall,

MINUTES of 26th September Accepted and adopted

URGENT MATTERS ARISING None

PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Richmond Dock** - Still no decision from TDC Planning Committee.

FINANCE

JN reported a balance of £2900-40 in the account after expenditure for website ,
£68-74, refreshments £7.25 and room hire £50-00

OTHER MATTERS ARISING

a) Action Reports

i) IC

a) **Future Speakers** Tom Humphries has agreed to give a talk at January's AGM on his role with the Biosphere. Mary Breeds has confirmed she will talk about Braunton Burrows at April's Forum. Both speakers will be asked to speak for 30 mins with 10 mins Q&A.. Navantia to be requested to speak at July's Forum. JP offered to send his contact at Navantia to IC.....**Action JP & IC**

b) **Devon Marine Forum** DCC have decide in the absence of a sponsor to close the DMF and its website. The only interest shown was by DWT. It was agreed that we should liaise with DWT and continue ask DCC for the names of participants in the forum for reference..... **Action IC**

c) **Membership Spreadsheet** Ic reported that he will produce an updated membership spreadsheet for the December P&CC **Action IC**

ii) TP

a) **Estuary Strategy** -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. TP is in keeping in touch with Chris F as a follow up..... **Action TP**

b) **Yelland Power Station** - A further planning application 80365 has been submitted for a further 20 houses at this site - no building has taken place on the original application.

c) **Youth Project** - IC reported that Silas Braund, NDYC Youth Environment Officer had sent a report confirming the completion of the project which IC will circulate to P&CC members **Action IC**

d) **Barnstaple Quays** - TP has raised TTEF's objection to the closure of the three quays. NDC claim they cannot afford the update cost to comply with the introduction of Ports and Marine Facility Safety Code and have put the issue out to consultation at <https://orlo.uk/13QVt> which closes on **January 5th 2026**. This issue will be posted on our website page 'Current Issues' **Action TP**

e) **Bideford Port** - Ken Hind has produced a Torridge and Taw Trust Port report which TP circulated an extract which contains the case and a motion passed by Bideford Town Council calling for support to establish a Trust Port. As the TTEF has supported Paul Brown's call for a regulated port we considered contacting all our constituent membership organisations urging them to support the BTC motion subject to the agreement of Ken Hind. We will put this on our website page 'Current Issues' TP will liaise with KH and if agreed will confirm distribution to Forum members..... **Action TP & IC**
It was noted that besides TDC who control the port currently, NDC are also a key player to be lobbied for support and of course North Devon Yacht Club

iii) **JN**

a) **Succession** JN referred to minor alterations to the TTEF Constitution including the co-option of the past chair for continuity. Amended constitution to be sent to IC for circulation at the AGM **Action JN & IC**

JN announced that he had resigned from Tawstock Parish Council. In view of the need for liaison with the Tawstock Parish Clerk, Martyn Isaacs, TP offered to contact him re the prospect of covering the AGM minutes.. **Action TP**

As JN no longer represents an organisation at the Forum, it was agreed that P&CC has the option to coopt. JN was coopted unanimously as Treasurer & Vice Chair

iv) **JP**

a) **Update on Rivers Group:** JP reported that a speaker from the Ashreigney & Riddlecombe Nature Recovery Group will address the Rivers Group meeting on Tues. 18th November

v) **Any Other Matters** No other matters

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Current Issues** - Secretary vacancy and Barnstaple Quays to be requested for posting by Chris Dee on the website **Action TP 2/3**

AOB

SP reported that Braunton Parish Council had accepted a resolution re live-aboards on the River Caen and a programme of work is to be established to improve living conditions, set up a register of live-aboards and remove abandoned wrecks.

JN raised the issue of washing up cups which prevents participation for the rostered P&CC members from participating in either washing up duties or Forum business and proposed the use of disposable cups. Although some expressed concern about the increased use of resources the practicality is recognised. JN was asked to bring costings to the next P&CC..... **Action JN**

JN proposed cinema style seating for Forum meetings to overcome tight spacing at tables. Consensus was that the tables square was more inclusive for participating members. However there are now less tables available in the store to make an alternative layout giving more individual space. IC offered to contact the office to ask if more tables could be provided (currently two racks with capacity for 12 tables only contain 9 tables) **Action IC**

NEXT MEETING - Friday 5th December please note change from 12th