

# TTEF CONSULTATION & PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

**MINUTES** of Meeting held Friday 3rd March, 2.30pm in Instow Yacht Club

**PRESENT:** MH-B, JB, TP, CH, IC. Apologies JN

## 1. MINUTES of 3/2/23

a) **Adoption** - Accepted as accurate after correction of typo “..totally illegible..”

### b) Action reports;

1)TP a) Anchorwood Nature Reserve - this is the triangle of land sided by the footpath leaving the Tarka trail to go towards the Taw Bridge and the Tarka trail continuing towards Seven Brethren Estate. Hydrock agents advised that the previous owner had sold. New owner to be established by further enquiry by TP to Ricky Knight and JB to Alan Rennles both of Barnstaple Town Council in whose parish the Nature Reserve sits. **Action TP & JB**

b) Update of Main meeting Agenda TP & IC to ensure new format for April 17th. **Action TP & IC**

c) Support of Signage for Bird Protection Peter Hames of TDC and Netti Pearson of NDC contacted with our offer to contribute to funding of signage. Some signage is appearing in the estuary although insufficient to alert/educate dog owners who allow their dogs to chase estuary feeding birds. **Action TP**

d) HELAA This local body has been set up behind ‘closed doors’ by the Government to achieve better land allocation for house building (NDC & TDC have failed to allocate sufficient land) Representation on HELAA panel should include representation from Parish/Town Councils & Community Organisations. So far the only participants are District Councils, developers, estate agents, land agents and builders. The nominations for the panel closed in April 2022 with no invitations to excluded bodies. Letters to be sent to CEOs and political leaders at NDC and TDC insisting on inclusion. **Action TP**

2. IC a) Main Meeting Minutes These had been circulated and will go out again with agenda for April 17th ideally a fortnight prior. **Action IC & TP**

b) Richmond Dock Appledore Maritime Heritage Trust are maintaining contact with its owner is Kevin Wheatcroft who plans for the dock as a working home for some of The Wheatcroft Collection’s historic boats.

c) Speaker & Venue for April Meeting Alex Gibson of River Taw Fisheries & Conservation Club has been asked to speak at July meeting. The Beechfield Centre is booked for April and provisionally for July. (Tea, coffee & milk req’d)

3. CH/JN Encouragement of DWT Debby Fraser, secretary DWT to be approached for a representative. **Action CH** IC  
has contacts at National Trust as likely representatives **Action IC**

**c) Website** Chris Dee is working on our website to make it more accessible. IC suggested that Facebook would be a good medium for TTEF representatives to communicate with each other, between quarterly meetings. It was agreed that we should get the website up and running first.

d) **Other Matters Arising** IC reported that AONB secretary had enquired re omission of nominated representative from TTEF to AONB. TP proposed that the P&CC should decide and nominated IC who agreed to continue.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Any Planning Applications** None raised

b) **Land Ownership**

c) **Newsletter** TP proposed that this would facilitate communication probably half way between quarterly meetings. TP offered to coordinate articles/info received and IC would circulate to all organisations/representatives

**3. AOB** TP raised an article from the Independent newspaper outlining the most polluted rivers in the UK. River Torridge has been identified as the fourth most polluted river in the UK although South West Water do not divulge the name of this river which falls within their geographical area. It was noted that while discharged sewage pollutes the rivers the biggest polluter is agriculture. TP offered to write to SWW and ask if they could confirm the most polluted river in their patch **Action TP**

**4. Next Meeting - Friday 31st March at 2.30pm**

