

TTEF CONSULTATION & PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

MEETING: Friday 3rd February, 2.30pm in Instow Yacht Club

PRESENT: JN, JB, TP, CH, IC.

1. MINUTES of 16th Dec. 2022 - Accepted as accurate

a) No matters arising

2. UPDATE ON TTEF MEMBERS: TP outlined that several new members had attended the Jan.2023 AGM . There was no one from Ashford PC which was subsumed into neighbouring parish councils. (NDC was not represented)

3. JANUARY 2023 AGM

a) Minutes - Draft minutes have been circulated to C&PSC members. As attendees were totally illegible, the secretary was asked to use a different format and recirculate. After discussion it was accepted that the secretary would circulate draft minutes as soon as possible after quarterly meetings for actions and again before the next quarterly meeting for approval - **Action IC**

b) Matters Arising - Devon Wildlife Trust should be encouraged to join the Forum. Offers to approach DWT were made - **Action CH & JN**

- Court action was noted on Seven Brethren river bank by NDC to clear rubbish left by an unwelcome occupant.

- TP raised the question of ownership of land adjacent to the Tarka Trail at Anchorwood which could be a nature reserve. This land is the subject of a for sale notice. Land ownership enquiry to be made with DCC - **Action TP**

- Shoreline Management as a body had been mentioned by Andy Bell. TP proposed that the Forum should be members of that body. - TP asked about the Nature Recovery Plan (IC note from AONB report - NRP covers Biosphere/AONB and includes diversity monitoring of Farming in Protected Landscapes and a Coast WG is chaired by AONB)

- ownership of Richmond Dock is not clear. IC offered to check. **Action IC**

c) Revised agenda for next TTEF quarterly - tired agenda had ben criticised. After discussion it was agreed that the Report of Policy & Consultation Committee should be the first report under item 7 'Reports' followed by Estuary Report and others, with the item 8 'Matters brought forward by the Chair' to become the first item at a) under Report of P&CC - **Action IC & TP**

d) Speaker for next meeting - Mark Howarth-Booth had offered a speaker on river conservation (from River Taw Fisheries and Conservation Association). It was agreed that as we have many new representatives, the next meeting should allow more time for representatives participation which a speaker would impede, and so we will have a speaker for the July meeting (maybe defer our new agenda item of River Pollution to that meeting?) - **Action IC**

e) Other - IC reported from AONB meeting. Andrew Butler - NFU Devon made a presentation with statistics on the need for self sufficiency to ensure food security and that the Government's Environment Land Management Scheme (ELMS) did not provide enough incentive for small farmers to produce food. Hartlands Nature Society are conducting a community involved survey of nature to record numbers of reptiles and insects as part of Finding Natures Footprint

- The venue for next meeting of the Forum on April 17th was discussed and the Fremington Parish Council Beechfield Centre was considered a suitable venue for the time being. A break for refreshments is to be included for future meetings. IC to make booking for 7.00pm, April 17th. **Action IC**

3. CURRENT ISSUES & UPDATES

a) Website - Chris Dee had met with TP and volunteered to get our website up and running.

b) Other - JB referred to the estuary survey completed some time ago with little outcome. However signs, advising restrictions to protect habitat, have appeared at Skern and Tarka Trail at Home Farm Trust. JB proposed that we support provision of such signage financially from our funds and TP offered to contact TDC & NDC with our offer of support. **Action TP**

4. PLANNING

JB reported that the two district councils are forming a joint panel in line with the Government policy requiring them to set up a HELAA, (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment) which supersedes previous SHLAA, (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). The local joint HELAA will include one councillor for each district along with developer representatives. JB argued that there should be a TTEF representative on the panel. TP will contact TDC / NDC to request the Forum's inclusion. **Action TP**

5. AOB - The next monthly Policy & Consultation Committee is set for **3rd March at 2.30**