

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

**MINUTES** of meeting held Friday 2nd February 2024, 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

**PRESENT** JN, TP, IC, JB

**APOLOGIES** CH MH-B

## **MINUTES of 29th December 2023**

a) Adopted as an accurate record after amendment of the minutes at 3(c) which stated incorrectly that the NDC had rejected the application. the corrected minute now reads ‘ **Yelland Quay South (77453)** : *As this site is not in the 5YHLS plan, it was confirmed the planning application has been withdrawn as has similarly been done at Chill Park and St. Andrews.*’

b) Action Reports

1) **ALL** - None

2) **IC**

**Change of Treasurer** - The change of Mandate forms were signed by the signatories TP & JN together with a signed copy of the minutes confirming our decision. Completed forms will be sent to the bank with a request that bank statements be sent to the new Treasurer TP . JN queried why yearly account approval was deferred to April and TP explained that an audit would be done by Chris Northrop when we had confirmation of the end of year bank balance. **Action IC & TP**

3) **TP**

a) **Devon Maritime Forum:**

Suzanna Douza of DMF has been asked to provide a summary of their function and involvement with estuary management - still to be followed up. **Action TP**

b) **Signage for bird protection:**

TP has now contacted TDC and spoken with Michael Day who had sent an email reporting that a team meeting would take place today and a draft code of conduct would be drawn up, showing a map of bird habitats and how to prevent bird disturbance. this progress is due to our pursuit of the issue and TP has been consulted on the wording of the code. The outcome of today’s will be followed up. **Action TP**

d) **Website:**

Chris Dee had confirmed at AGM that he would maintain the website on an ongoing basis. TP has paid the website hosting fee to CD and will be due for reimbursement when the the new bank mandate is in operation. After some discussion as to whether the P&CC minutes should be posted on the website it was agreed that all minutes as from January 2023, TTEF relaunch would be made available after adoption and all previous be in a website archive. TP to send minutes to CD. **Action TP**

#### **d) Website Cont'd:**

CD had proposed a website facility be set up to allow the public to report bird disturbance occurrences. This idea was welcome and agreed that TP and IC be options reporting points via email. It was suggested that before the website re-launch that a review of content be the main subject at a P&CC meeting. **Action IC & All**

e) **Other Matters Arising:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a) Planning Applications**

1. White Cross wind farm: It is recognised that this an experiment which could have a long term widening agenda in terms of shoreline cables maybe should have linked with a bigger cable coming in from Morocco near Abbotsham. Awaiting NDC

2. Middle Dock: TP had confirmed the Forum's support for this application. The Way of the Warves through Mike Teare had raised a damage to heritage objection which has not been heard, and planning consent was given at a meeting which avoided any objectors attending. MT had offered to speak at the Forum about Maritime Heritage. It was agreed TP invite him to speak at April's Forum. **Action TP**

3. Yelland Power Stn Site 78157 expires 6/2/24 - Objections have been raised over safe capping of asbestos, interference with Tarka Trail access and flood prevention. Flood & Coastal Risk Management should raise the alarm about predictable flooding. JB offered to keep an eye on this one. **Action JB**

4. Yelland - Flooding West Yelland 78173 exp. 8/2/24. JB to check out. **Action JB**

5. Yelland - Opposite Pottery Lane - 80 houses have been approved by planning.

##### **b) AGM follow up:**

TP suggested that reports should not be included in the minutes but attached as appendices. IC had concerns about some reports only being verbal and some written and wanted a consistent approach. JN proposed that all membership organisations making reports to the Forum be asked to provide written reports in advance of the Forum meetings and attached as appendices. It was agreed IC would send an email to the appropriate Forum members. **Action IC**

**c) Youth Involvement:** The Forum AGM had noted our report. IC had reported our intention to involve young people and this had been welcomed by Joe Newberry who had led an initiative in the partnership to 'Find Natures Footprints', a community activity. IC proposed we invite Joe Newberry as a speaker to a future Forum. TP offered to draw up a geographic spreadsheet of nature sites with a view to approaching youth organisations to adopt monitoring of sites. **Action TP**

**d) Membership:** We now have three new bodies joining the Forum

**e) Special Policy Development Committee** - awaiting information from MH-B

**f) Resignation of Jenny Carey-Wood** - IC had moved a vote of thanks to J C-W be recorded in the minutes of the North Devon Coast National Landscapes at their January AGM. TP to send a written thanks to Jenny for TTEF support. **Action TP**

**AOB** TP reported that Northam Burrows Forum which is a sub-committee of Northam Town Council is a body on which we could be represented. It was agreed that TP would be our representative. **Action TP**

**NEXT MEETING 2.30pm Friday 22nd March**