

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

**MINUTES** of meeting held Friday 10th November, 2023, 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

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

**APOLOGIES** CH has explained his absence as due to ill health and request to be kept on the mailing list. TP proposed we retain CH as a consultant in view of his knowledge of matters affecting Torridge District. AGM to be informed. **Action TP**

## **MINUTES of 6th Oct. & 27th Oct. 2023**

a) Adopted as an accurate record

### **b) Action reports**

1) **ALL - White Cross wind farm.** Our submission has been sent to NDC and TP was thanked for his preparation of our representation

#### 2) **IC**

##### a) **National Trust Representation:**

The North Devon NT leader, James Thomas was contacted by IC at a meeting in Loxhore and may chose to join our FORUM.

##### b) **Catchment Sensitive Farming Advisors (CSFAs) at EA:**

Natural England had referred us to the Environment Agency to discover what advice is given to farmers and info forthcoming has been circulated.

#### 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 awaited **Action TP**

##### b) **Signage for bird protection:**

Paul Jury could be helpful. TP offered to contact him. **Action TP**

##### c) **Yelland Quay South (77453) :**

As this site is not in the 5YHLS plan, it is hoped that NDC will turn it down. Update awaited

##### d) **Website:**

TP reported progress in that Chris Dee and the previous web designer David Butterworth are now working together. It is anticipated that web hosting costs will reduce after this year. When CD is ready to receive info about Forum organisations a memo will be sent to Forum members.

### **e)Finance:**

TP has met Val, our treasurer who has tendered her resignation due to caring responsibilities and has passed all records to TP who has now written co-signed cheques for £140 to cover previous and forward bookings up to and including the January AGM. TP will send a letter of thanks on behalf of TTEF. Val wishes to continue as Appledore Residents Association representative on the Forum. IC's offer to liaise with NatWest over the changes to a single signature was accepted. In view of funds standing at £4291 -32, it was agreed that we would not call for membership subscriptions for 2024. TP as Chair supported by JN as vice Chair will cover treasurer responsibilities which are minimal currently and avoids the need to call for a Treasurer. This will be reported to the AGM.

### **Action IC & TP**

A discussion ensued on how the Forum could use funds to support work conservation work in the estuary. It was agreed that our offer to fund signage and display boards at nature conservation sites could be pursued with the respective environmental officers in the two districts councils and with Fremington Parish Council. TP offered to contact the appropriate officers.

### **Action TP**

**Other Matters Arising** None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a)Any planning applications:**

There are no new planning applications of concern so it is suggested we keep our eyes open.

**b)October Main Meeting follow up:** January meeting room booked.

**c) AGM:** MH-B confirmed the speaker, Adrian Dowding from Westcountry Rivers Trust.

### **AOB**

JN proposed that we set up a project to engage young people with the environment to monitor natural life along the Tarka Trail from Barnstaple to Bideford. It was suggested that this would be best achieved by approaching youth organisations, Boy

Scouts, Girl Guides and Sea Scouts along with any others and perhaps with a donation from TTEF as an incentive for voluntary organisations. The concept found support and it was agreed this would be an **agenda item at our December P&CC.**

**Action TP**

**NEXT MEETING** 2.30pm Friday 15th December 2023