

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

**MINUTES** of meeting held Friday 26th May, 2023, 2.30pm in Instow Yacht Club

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

## **MINUTES OF 28/4/23**

a) Adopted as an accurate record

### b) **Action reports**

1) **ALL** a) **Minutes (draft) April Quarterly Meeting** These have been circulated to Forum representatives and organisations. In addition to MH-B's amendment re Selaine Saxby meeting Alan Kavanagh corrected power from Whitecross wind farm as 100MW and not 50 GW which is the Celtic Sea aspiration. Otherwise accepted as correct by members of P&CC

### 2) **IC**

a) **National Trust Representation** Riverlands Project Manager, Alex Palmer has been contacted - no response as yet so follow up needed **Action IC**

b) **Beechfield hiring/payments** IC had emailed Val and phoned to no avail. Concern for Val expressed and agreed that IC would try and contact her. **Action IC**

c) **Alan Kavanagh (NE) re river pollution** An email asking for names of Catchment Sensitive Farming Advisors has gone to AK. Reply awaited. **Action IC**

d) **Northam Burrows Warden** IC had spoken with the warden, Michael Day who has been added to our representatives mailing list

### 3) **TP**

a) **Paul Brown, Bideford Harbour Master** In support of PB's aspiration to improve a secure future for the port and facilities on the estuaries' waters TP has been in touch with Teignmouth Harbour Commission (THC) THC, a trust run not for profit, acts as a harbour authority and collects mooring fees and makes charges to commercial operations using the port. Further liaison with PB. **Action TP**

b) **River Pollution** Andy Bell has two people working with farmers on the Torridge

c) **Land Ownership** Establishing who owns the land on the estuary shoreline is a major task. District councils to be approached on the basis of their resource and their interest in the rivers. TP offered to contact respective officers. **Action TP**

d) **Support of signage for bird protection** Reminder to the district councils of our offer to assist with signage/ information boards. **Action TP**

e) **White Cross Windfarm** After discussion of Mr Peter Willetts letter received inviting TTEF's interest to support his opposition to the project, it was decided we respond to confirm that we have no remit to become involved in a windfarm in the Celtic Seas and would only be concerned with environmental impact where the cable comes ashore. TP offered to communicate this to Mr. Willetts. **Action TP**

f) **Tarka Trail Rubbish** JN had raised concern over rubbish tipped by public in culverts under the Tarka Trail at Anchorwood where a high tide would dislodge this rubbish and send it into the Taw. TP offered to contact NDC. **Action TP**

#### 4) CH

a) **DWT representation** Still no response despite emails sent. After some discussion which identified that 4 of P&CC are DWT members, it was decided to contact DWT and point out that members who had been in touch were being ignored and raised the question as to whether DWT put any value on communications from members. TP offered to compose and send an email of 'gravitas' making this point and hoping that one of their staff could join the Forum. **Action TP**

#### 5) JB

a) **Anchorwood Bank NR** Land at risk of development had been sold and it was hoped to find out who is the new owner. (*estate agent - plot details*  
<https://www.gth.net/properties/15933652/sales/TIV220066#/>)

b) **Trees at Old Power Stn Site** JB reported that some trees would survive on the side of the Tarka Trail. However trees out with the site were to be removed. Andrew Jones, NDC tree officer, had explained that development of the site had over ridden any TPOs. JB reported that Meadow Pippets and Skylarks had previously occupied the site and had left due to disturbance. JB has raised issues of premature developers work with police and will continue to monitor the situation. **Action JB**

**Other Matters Arising** None

#### NEW BUSINESS

a) **Planning Applications** In view of the 5 year housing land supply plan which was published on April 28th 2023 there was some discussion as to whether this was an outcome of HELAA's work. IC had seen the 5YHLS list and agreed to send the link to TP. **Action IC**

**A O B** CH mentioned the BioBlitz event being organised by Northam Burrows Forum and said he would send us all the link. **Action CH**

**NEXT MEETING - Friday 30th June at 2.30pm**

