

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 31st March, 2023, 2.00pm in Instow Yacht Club

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

MINUTES OF 3/3/23

a) Accepted as an accurate record

b) **Action reports**

1)TP a) **Anchorwood Nature Reserve** - to establish ownership, TP has been in contact with Ricky Knight who confirmed that the land had been offered to Barnstaple Town Council for a peppercorn rent and would make further enquiries.

b) **Update on Meeting Agenda** A revised agenda had been circulated reflecting the changes agreed. Finalisation of reports based on the issues discussed at intervening P&PC meetings to be completed before circulation of final agenda for April 17th quarterly meeting. It was agreed

i) to remove agenda item 'Correspondence Received', which if important became a 'report' item and

ii) that minutes of P&PC meetings would not be circulated but published when our website was up and running, and that

iii) reports from Natural England, District Councils, RMB Chivenor & DWT would rely on representatives being available to attend (NDC & DWT absent). Liaison with existing reps at RMB & TDC by the secretary. Final agenda & minutes due out Mon. 3rd April. **Action TP/ IC**

c) **Preparation for April Meeting** refreshments to be organised and provision of an urn for hot water to be explored. **Action JB & IC**

d) **Support of signage for bird protection** Peter Hames at TDC to be chased re our offer to fund signage needed to encourage walkers with dogs not to disturb bird life. Like wise contact to be made with NDC Environment Councillor **Action TP**

e) **HELAA (Housing and Land Availability Assessment)** TP and JB had an evasive response as to who was on the panel as such information is not to be published. Ken James from TDC and Malcolm Prouse from NDC sit on the panel with developers, estate agents, land agents and builders. As these stakeholders exclude Forum representation, it was agreed that we should at least seek assurances that the Forum will be consultees on deliberated outcomes from the panel. **Action TP**

f) **River Pollution** TP had written to Geoffrey Cox MP who had agreed to quote any facts put forward re pollution of the river Torridge. SW Water are claiming less sewage pumped into rivers last year (probably more to do with the drought!) TP has also written to SWW's CEO, Susan Davy - reply awaited

2) IC a) **Main meeting minutes** IC confirmed that the minutes were now vetted by a spell check and would be dispatched as agreed two weeks before April 17th meeting. TP will get finalised agenda to IC for same dispatch. **Action IC & TP**

b) **Richmond Dock** Ownership of the dock has been confirmed - No further action

c) **April Meeting** This will be at the Parish Council Offices, Beechfield Centre, Fremington EX31 3DD at 7.00pm on Monday 17th April

d) **National Trust** IC had sent emails to two North Devon contacts at the Trust inviting a representative to attend the Forum - replies awaited **Action IC**

3) CH **Devon Wildlife Trust** Pete Burgess had been contacted by email with an invitation to join the Forum - reply awaited. JN, a DWT member and our Vice-Chair had tried to contact PB to no avail. Further attempts to pursue contact. **Action JN**

4) JB **Anchorwood NR** JB had spoken to Alan Rennles who had no information

c) **Website** TP reported that Chris Dee is working on the website. When up and running it was proposed that access be given to Forum members to post information, vetted by the Chair and Secretary.

d) **Other Matters Arising** JN updated us on the Seven Brethren bank squatter who had been evicted and the site completely cleaned up

NEW BUSINESS

a) **Planning Applications** CH had alerted us to a planning application for 101 houses at 'Chilpark', Fremington, ref 76976. A permissive footpath goes through this area where badgers and otters have been seen and is adjacent to the Tarka trail. JB said that this area is occupied by estuary wildlife moving up the estuary due to disturbance at Yelland and sites such as Home Farm. Loss of wildlife habitat reduces natural diversity to the detriment of all. TP to register objection. **Action TP**

b) **Land Ownership** TP reported that knowledge of who owns land on the shores of the estuary is difficult to establish. Matter to be pursued. **Action TP**

c) **Newsletter** It was agreed to suspend the concept of a newsletter pending the development of a more accessible website.

A O B TP raised the issue of the White Cross wind farm in the Celtic Sea which means cable coming ashore at Saunton and go across to the main grid at Yelland. We should monitor the possible impact on the local environment. TP to ask that we be kept informed. **Action TP**

TP informed us of a new report of the impact of rising sea levels. **TP to circulate**

NEXT MEETING - Friday 28th April at 2.30pm

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