

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

**MINUTES** of meeting held Friday 22nd March 2024, 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

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

**APOLOGIES** CH

## **MINUTES of 2nd February 2024**

a) Adopted as an accurate record

b) Action Reports

### **1) ALL**

**Website** TP reported an update from Chris Dee that responses are outstanding on pro-forma returns giving membership organisation details from:

Bideford Amateur Rowing Club - chase up .... **Action IC**  
Taw & Torridge Wildfowling Club - Chase up.... **Action IC**  
Rolle Canal Society - Chase up.... **Action TP**  
Appledore & Instow Ferry - Chase up ... **Action TP**  
Northam Town Council - Chase up ... **Action TP**

All minutes from post Covid or relaunch Jan. 16th 2023 to be posted on website. CD has designed a bird disturbance reporting form ready for posting on site with instructions to send by email to TP & IC. It was agreed that TP arrange a special P&C Committee meeting with CD to review content of the new website **Action TP**

IC reported that new membership organisations, Steamship Freshspring Trust, Way of the Wharves have been invited to complete proformas for the website.

### **2) IC**

**Change of Treasurer** - Signed minutes and mandate forms, required by the bank had been sent and contact fro NatWest has been received by TP. IC explained that as bank emails are 'no reply' he could not chase up and suggested that contact with the bank by either TP or JN using the reference no. of the application, which He would forward by email, might take matters forward. **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 - no further response from DMF **Action TP**

b) **Signage for bird protection:**

A code of conduct, showing a map of bird habitats and how to prevent bird disturbance, has been issued by TDC

**c) Heritage Harbour:**

A verbal invitation to speak at April's Forum has been accepted by Mike Teare. A formal invite will be sent to MT to confirm arrangements **Action IC**

**d) Youth Involvement:** TP confirmed that contacting all the youth organisations was a mammoth task. After some discussion about using a press release and our own website to invite youth organisations to apply for funding support by TTEF, TP offered to write a script for the local press. **Action TP**

**e) Northam Burrows Forum** TP had accepted an invite for TTEF to join NBF (a reciprocal arrangement) and attended his first meeting. NBF is a charity with a remit to improve the Burrows amenity, employing a steward who liaises with the graziers and the Northam Golf Club. Tolls will apply from 29/3/23 until 25/5/23

**4) JB**

a) Old Power Stn (78157 Exp. 06/02/24) Site developers had applied to remove restrictions on development. A bat house which has already been built is in the wrong location and will not be used by the bats and is built without the consent of the NDC. After a discussion on how best to approach the council about the inappropriate location and the lack of consent, it was agreed that a letter be drafted by JB and circulated to the P&CC for approval before dispatch by TP

**Action JB / All / TP**

b) Yelland (78173 Exp. 08/02/24) 80 houses in the field opposite Pottery Lane have been approved by NDC.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Planning Applications**

1. White Cross wind farm: No funding grants had been achieved locally for work to construct the the wind farm in the Celtic Sea

2. Middle Dock: No further news

3. Chilpark Objection: TP had submitted an objection on behalf of TTEF. Concerns about the development crossing the Tarka Trail were considered as unlikely as access to Tarka trail is via an existing and recently established footpath. The impact on existing woodland could affect badger habitat.

4. There were no other planning matters.

**b) April Meeting**

The Beechfield Centre has been booked for 7pm on Mon April 15. Agenda & Notice to be issued **Action IC & TP**

### **c) Membership**

TP reported contact from a Tim Jones, a volunteer with the Biosphere Coastal Group and proposed that we accept TJ's proposal to Join the Forum. Tj to be added to the mailing list

### **d) Reports**

a) Special Policy Development Committee: MH-B reported an event conducted by the NDC at Petroc on the subject of Water Quality. A presentation by SWW and strategy up to 2050, was heard by many agencies who were present. Remit for this issue at NDC is held by Cllr Peter Jones

b) Northam Burrows Forum - SEE above page 2/3

c) Biosphere Marine Working Group. TP had attended (as the TTEF rep) Maps projecting rising sea levels to the end of the century were available. Seaweed farming producing kelp near Clovelly will produce up to 2000 tons per year using vast acreages of seawater. Coastwise were part of the working group. Lauren Parkhouse from Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (IFCA) outlined their work.

d) Brunswick Wharf - Developers had had to cut back and the new plan was considered to be more conducive and less intrusive to the local building environment

e) Publicity - this will be covered by the relaunch of our website

**AOB** IC raised the need for consistency with the nomenclature of the committee and it was accepted that it should be known as TTEF Planning & Consultation Committee (TTEF- P&CC)

**NEXT MEETING 2.30pm Friday 10th May 2024**