

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 14th June 2024, 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

PRESENT JN, TP, IC, JB, MH-B - MH-B said he would have to leave the meeting before the end and some agenda items were brought forward to accommodate him. However the minutes are recorded in line with the agenda and not in chronological order.

APOLOGIES CH

MINUTES of 10th May 2024

a) Adopted as an accurate record

b) Action Reports

1) ALL

a) **Website** - TP proposed that the website be relaunched before the July quarterly meeting. Discussion ensued on papers previously circulated by JN 'New About The Forum Page' and 'New Grants for Youth Organisations' & 'New Application Form for Grants' IC was asked to notify Chris Dee that Forum officers names and email addresses should be added to the Home Page**Action IC**

Discussion led to the amendment wording of the 2nd paragraph of Home Page and JN agreed to circulate the finally agreed text together with a additional wording and link to new Grants Form. and highlighted the need for a 'Grants' heading on the dashboard.....**Action JN**

Any necessary changes could be agreed by email circulation to P&CC members. An official relaunch date to be agreed between TP and CD so that the website link can be sent out with July's meeting notification, due before 1st July.**Action TP/IC**

b) **Railway** - A possible rail line from Bideford to Barnstaple is being monitored by us due to concerns over ecological encroachment on the Tarka Trail...**Action All**

2) IC

Change of Treasurer/Invoices: TP reported that NatWest had contacted him to confirm authenticity of the mandate change. IC reported that NatWest's CEO office had today confirmed by phone that the cheques could be signed under the new mandate of one signature. IC had requested a written confirmation of that for our records. IC to forward all invoices outstanding to TP as treasurer for payment. IC submitted expenses for refreshments at quarterly meetings and booking of library meeting room amounting to £46-37 . TP reported expenses owed (associated with host costs on website).

Joe Newberry IC was in touch with Joe N and will inform him of the date of our next P&CC, when he will speak about how they get young people involved in projects within National Landscape**Action IC**

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. No further action.

b) **Signage for bird protection:** no further action.

c) **Youth Involvement:** JN had previously circulated a draft letter announcing our scheme to the local media. An amendment adding 'bird disturbance in winter' and 'other sources of pollution' in the waters of the estuaries, was accepted. JN to send final copy to IC to send with website announcement and TP for onward circulation to media/press. JB was keen to bring it to the attention of Fremington Parish Council and it was accepted that the letter would go out to all Forum members (FPC included) when the website relaunch is announced **Action JN,TP & IC**

d) **White Cross:** TP reported outcomes from consultations conducted by the wind farm developer. Issues such as disposal of bentonite, which can be highly polluting to water if it is released into the environment, would be recovered by drilling contractors and sent to landfill. Disturbance of wintering birds and summer tourism would allegedly be addressed by working on the trenches in the summer and transporting equipment to site in the winter! More interesting is the viewpoint raised by CEO for DWT, Nick Bruce-White that under sea cables from Morocco and White Cross could be spliced at sea and brought ashore to Alverdiscott. It was agreed that we contact the National Grid to get verification on this option. TP offered to raise correspondence on this.....**Action TP**

e) **Moorings in Taw:** We had supported the option for Harland & Wolf to moor ships in the Taw. H&W may not proceed with this option after all.

f) **Thanks to Carli Cocciardi:** TP had thanked CC from DWT for her report to the Forum in April and likewise Debbie Frazer for inviting CC

g) **Going on Taw:** IC has sent an invitation to Katy Lee to speak about her 'Going on Taw' project which is about a journey on the river, the subject of an exhibition at the Barnstaple Museum. This speaker was recommended by Mike Teare. **Action IC**

4) JB

a) **Yelland Power Stn:** JB recommended monitoring any deviations from planning consent instead of pursuing planning officers for breaches of consent and this was accepted. JB has raised an objection to the concrete 'lego' blocks which are the subject of a **retrospective** planning application, to remain in place.

b) **Houses at Penhill:** As they are hardly visible and so no detriment to the vista, no objection will be made.

c) **Other Matters Arising** - there were none.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Planning Applications: It was proposed that we object to the **retrospective** planning application 78755 on behalf of the Forum on the basis that the concrete 'lego' blocks are a hazard to access, particularly the fire brigade.....**Action TP**

b) July Meeting - Speaker IC to confirm Katy Lee's acceptance to speak, to TP for July's agenda **Action IC**

AOB

TP reported that the Torridge tree officer had refused the Commodore permission to fell some large fir trees.

TP had attended the Bideford Harbour Users Group where Mike Teare has taken the Chair. Instow Yacht Club are users of the harbour and this statutory group is open to all harbour users and could be useful in supporting the establishment of a harbour authority. BHUG meet again in November.

The Issue of timing of our Friday meetings could be reviewed to accommodate MH-B who has to leave early most Fridays. TP offered to speak with MH-B and report back at our next P&CC. Everyone was happy to meet earlier if needed..**Action TP**

NEXT MEETING 2.30pm Friday 26th July 2024