

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 10th May 2024, 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

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

APOLOGIES CH

MINUTES of 22nd March 2024

a) Adopted as an accurate record

b) **Action Reports**

1) **ALL**

Website - outstanding pro-forma returns still require action as below:

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**

Committee members had viewed the provisional website prior to relaunch and made several observations which had been sent to TP. These were accepted and will be forwarded to CD. A formal thanks to be sent by the secretary to the webmaster, in view of the good work done by him. Relaunch approved. **Action TP & IC**

2) **IC**

Change of Treasurer - IC had written to the CEO of NatWest ,complaining about the failure to change our mandate for signatures since November and proposing that a competent member of staff be allocated to progress matters to a successful conclusion by the end of May. A further response on behalf of CEO is awaited to confirm change of mandate on signatures by end of May. **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 **Action TP**

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

c) **Heritage Harbour:**

TP offered to represent TTEF on the Bideford & River Torridge Heritage Harbour partnership and this was accepted.

d) **Youth Involvement:** TP had circulated a script for the local press, offering funding support by TTEF. Discussion on the text of a press release included agreement on the yearly grant amount of up to £100 per youth organisation with a committee caveat of £500 maximum annual grant total. **1/3**

It was agreed the script be sent as a letter, in preference to a press release, to the Gazette and the Journal and to include our logo. IC to send TP a logo/jpg **Action IC**
It was agreed that an application form was needed to include key questions such as how the grant would be used, and a credential confirmation for the organisation - this application form to be posted on our website under 'News'

JB suggested that a copy of the press release be sent to Fremington PC clerk.

JN offered to draft a modified script to reflect our discussion to committee members for comments. Final draft to press to concur with website relaunch. **Action JN & TP**

4) JB

a) Old Power Stn (78157 Exp. 06/02/24) It had been agreed that a letter be drafted by JB and circulated to the P&CC for approval before dispatch by TP

After discussion it was accepted that the NDC reluctance to challenge deviations from planning consent by developers should be challenged by TTEF. JB agreed to send the details of variations/ infringements to TP. MH-B offered to supply TP with name of planning officer to send email to raising issue of enforcement where developers deviate from provisions within a planning consent. **Action JB/ MH-B/ TP**

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

NEW BUSINESS

a) Planning Applications

1. White Cross wind farm: Further consultation at three sites. Braunton Parish Hall May 21st 1100- 1600hrs, Braunton Academy May 21st 1800 - 2000hrs, Instow Cricket Club May 22nd 1100-1830 hrs. TTEF have objected to route thro' Burrows Morocco UK Power Project: Consultation 16th May to 22nd June. Abbotsham 20th May 1600 - 2000, Alverdiscot 21st May, Bideford, Polyfield Centre 21st May.

Discussion about our role in contacting companies feeding the national grid led to a proposal from JN that we write to Selaine Saxby MP in her capacity as Chair of the cross party Parliamentary Group overseeing developments in the Celtic Sea.

Action TP

2. Middle Dock: Work proceeding

3. Application 78543, 5houses at West Penhill - JB agreed to check this one out.

Action JB

4. Any other planning matters. Brynsworthy 450 houses planning application turned down due to impact on natural water drainage

b) April Meeting Follow Up.

TP to contact Paul Brown to discuss how best we can support the decision to approve a mooring in the Taw by Appledore Shipyard. **Action TP**

TP proposed we thank Carli Cocciardi of DWT for her attendance. **Action TP**

c) July Meeting - Speaker

IC proposed we invite Joe Newberry, Flights of Fancy Project Coordinator to speak about how National Landscape engages with school children in nature projects. It was decided to invite him to meet the P&PC, thus giving us an insight of how projects might interest young people in ecology. IC to invite him to speak at next P&PC. **Action IC**

TP had been offered a speaker by Mike Teare - a woman who is running a project on the River Taw called "Going on Taw. It was agreed that TP make further enquiries before our next meeting. **Action TP**

AOB

JN suggested that as the TTEF were recycling our refreshment waste, teabags etc, that it would be appropriate to mention this on our website as an example of best practice

It was suggested that other outside organisations be invited to advertise events associated with the estuary. It was agreed that a letter/ email be sent to Barnstaple Library , Barnstaple Museum and Appledore Maritime Museum. **Action IC**

JN raised the local speculation supported by railway enthusiasts to reopen a railway between Bideford and Barnstaple. Whilst improvements to public transport are desirable, the route of the Tarka Trail is considered an infringement of a well used public footpath / cycleway which is a haven for nature improving biodiversity. It was agreed that we monitor this issue with respect to the Tarka Trail. **Action All**

NEXT MEETING 2.30pm Friday 14th June 2024