

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 27th September 3.00pm at Beechfield Centre

PRESENT JN, TP, IC, & Joe Newberry, North Devon Coast National Landscape (NDCNL)

Youth Involvement: TP welcomed Joe and explained the Forum's role involving some 33 membership organisations and outlined our latest initiative to offer a financial grant to youth organisations to set up conservation projects. TP invited Joe to put forward ideas about how best we could proceed.

NDCNL had established a local environmental group, aged 16 to 25. This group were gaining skills associated with activities designed by NDCNL who supported transport needs for group members. NDCNL had failed to get a response when sending out literature promoting the group concept for young people. However more success has been achieved through direct contact with organisations such as Wings, Young Farmers and Devon Nature Local Partnership.

Joe offered to send us contacts at Petroc College where there is an environment group and suggested that we contact Bideford College, organisations receiving Strategic Development Funds from Government, Plastic Free North Devon, Braunton Countryside Centre and Coastwise.

ND Yacht Club could ask their cadets to measure plankton levels in the estuary.

Joe was thanked for his input and left us to continue with the agenda.

APOLOGIES CH, MH-B

TP reported that JB is resigning from TTEF due to family commitments. TP was asked to send a formal thank you on our behalf to JB for his contribution to the Forum and especially his vigilance on planning applications..... **Action TP**

MINUTES of 2nd August 2024

a) Minutes were adopted as a true record, having previously been amended.

b) Action Reports

1. All

a)**Website** - TP has spoken with Chris Dee about how to use our domain email addresses without disclosing our personal email address and he has responded that he would prefer to leave the system as he has set it up. IC pointed out that if he used his domain email address to send emails to Forum members then his personal email address still appears. JN suggested that we should only have one point of contact **on** by email, that being the secretary. It was agreed that TP should speak with Chris and suggest that a separate single domain email address for the secretary is set up with no disclosure of personal email address..... **Action TP**

b) **Monitoring Railway** - No developments - monitoring to continue..... **Action All**

c) **Constitution** JN had collated amendments along with TP and after discussion a final draft of the amended Constitution was agreed. JN had recorded these on his laptop and agreed to circulate the final draft to those present. This final draft will be circulated with a view to adoption at the AGM..... **Action JN & IC**

2) IC

a) **Seaweed Farm speaker** - IC had been in touch with Algapelago and Olly Hicks has confirmed that he will speak at the Forum on 21st October and asked for AV equipment for projection, so IC has offered to contact Mike Teare to ask if he can help. The speaker will be offered a 1/2 hour presentation and Q&A slot. **Action IC**

3) TP

a) **White Cross** - Our objections are submitted

b) **National Grid** - TP had not communicated with them - no further action by P&CC

c) **Finance** - IC catering expenses to be paid **Action JN**

4) J N

a) **Accounts, Treasurer & Online Banking** - JN reported that he is working on the reconciliation of our account and needs further access to previous bank statements from the bank. He is in touch with the local branch who have been helpful. TP said that he had an electronic form sent for change of address at NatWest which he would forward to JN..... **Action TP & JN**

JN reported that he had offered to become Treasurer taking over the joint trusteeship previously carried out by T P and J N. As the position of Treasurer is confirmed by election at an AGM, it was agreed that JN become the Acting Treasurer and that his address would be notified to the NatWest bank as the new address for the bank account. IC to send a minute for the bank to JN..... **Action IC & JN**

5) M H-B

Anchorwood Bank - It was agreed that as no information was forthcoming on land ownership that no further action could be taken

c) **Other Matters Arising** - None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Youth Involvement** Joe Newberry had led this item as the first agenda item above and further action will arise from contacts to be sent by Joe to IC. This will be considered at our next P&CC..... **Action IC & TP**

b) **October Meeting** IC confirmed that the room was booked. TP to send IC an agenda by 6th October to allow two weeks notice to Forum members. **Action TP**

c) TTEF Member Organisations - Tom Humphreys had put Brian Hopkins in touch with IC, to support Bideford Sustainability Group joining the Forum. IC had asked them for an outline of their activities which show their aims to protect and conserve the environment. After discussion it was agreed to invite them to attend the next Forum **Action IC**

TP raised an application that had been received from **Devon Women's Institute** to join the Forum. After discussion it was agreed that Tony would contact her to explore how they could relate to issues within the estuaries..... **Action TP**

AOB:

- IC reported that he had attended the **North Devon & Torridge Climate Forum** on 7th September in the Beechfield Centre where **Louise Wainwright** had spoken on behalf of Avon River Champions calling for all Devon MPs to support a county wide campaign to clean up our polluted rivers. TTEF have been mentioned in the email discourse generated since LW spoke and there is a proposal to form a 'rivers group' for either or both river catchments. It was agreed that should such a group be formed we would seek observer status. It was also agreed after discussion that LW be our speaker at the AGM..... **Action IC**
- TP reported that the Marine Innovators Centre at Appledore had submitted a planning application 1/1179/2023LV and offered to monitor it **Action TP**

Next Meeting: Friday 1st November at 2.30pm