

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

MINUTES of meeting held Friday 16th May 2025 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

PRESENT Jeff Needham, Tony Pratt, Ian Crawford.

APOLOGIES Chris Hassall, Sue Prosper, John Puddy, Mark Haworth-Booth

MINUTES of 4th April 2025 Accepted and adopted

URGENT MATTERS ARISING None

PLANNING MATTERS

Richmond Dock The Forum position is now to object to this application subject to an acceptable response to issues to be drawn up by the Chair. After discussion of these issues it was agreed that TP would circulate P&CC with a submission of these issues and our objection by 21st May to TDC..... **Action TP**

White Cross It was reported that NDC had approved the planning application for land access power cable at Saunton Sands. Objection by the council was not possible due to prohibitive cost of challenging developers

Finance

JN Reported expenditure of £8-05 on catering and £25 for room hire. The balance of funds is £3245-08. JN proposed that we have a reserve of £2000 so that early action can be taken recover that balance such as reinstatement of subscription fees. The principle of having a reserve was agreed.

Other Matters Arising

a) Action Reports

i) **All** continued monitoring of railway development showed no change

ii) **IC**

a) **Devon Marine Forum** have no meetings scheduled. Agreed that a reminder be sent regarding our interest..... **Action IC**

b) **Barnstaple Town Council** - representation by Cllr. Rhys Jones on the Forum has been confirmed and he has been advised the date of the next meeting

c) **Earth Action North Devon** appear to supersede Plastic Free North Devon as an organisation. Enquiry too be made to Plastic Free N. Devon..... **Action IC**

iii) **TP**

a) **Rivers Group** TP reported in absence of JP that the group have met and that we should keep a watching brief. TP will continue to attend **Action TP**

b) Website Safety on Quays is the subject of a code of practice which will be published on our 'Public Information ' website page..... **Action TP**
TP proposed that the Torridge Estuary Report be published on the website and after discussion about which page was appropriate it was agreed it should go under News & Event. Chris Dee to be advised **Action TP**
Chris Dee's Usage Report was considered as reflecting a good level of interest in the Forum. Chris to be approached for a quarterly report **Action TP**

NEW BUSINESS:

a)**Succession** - The Secretary confirmed that the last meeting he would attend would be the P&CC prior to the the AGM on 19th January 2026 and the final activity would be issuing notice of the AGM and other correspondence leading up to the AGM. It was accepted that the vacancy for a Secretary was covered by a reference to the job description on the website. In the event of no suitable volunteer for the position, consideration might have to given to recruiting a paid secretary. Regarding succession of the Chair JN proposed that in the event of the Chair retiring that the Vice Chair would chair until the next AGM and that the retiring chair would be an advisor to the succeeding chair for a period of two years. It was agreed that this be recorded in the Constitution..... **Action JN**

b) **A speaker for July meeting** is proposed on the subject of 'Sea Eagles on Exmoor' with a specific aspect of feeding in the estuary..... **Action IC**

c) **The Torridge Estuary Strategy** was noted as an excellent report from Chris Fuller of TDC. TP offered to respond for TTEF to the consultation.....**Action TP**

AOB

In view of the provision of kettles by IC ceasing on Jan 19th 2026, JN proposed we acquire a water boiler which was agreed..... **Action JN**

Next Meeting: Friday 27th June 2025 at 2.30pm