

## TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 2:15pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

Present:

Paul Bennett (Chair)	P	Jeremy Logie	P
Sue Bennett	P	Dave Mitchell	P
Jim Carfrae	P	Anne Ward	A
Tom King	P	Judy Westacott (President)	P
John Keleher	P	Kate Wilson	P

*P = Present. A=Apologies*

1. Apologies – see above	<b>Action</b>
2. Minutes	
a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 31 May 2017 were approved.	
b. Matters arising	
i. 2(b)(i) Upgrade to WordPress software - Carry forward.	<b>KW/DM</b>
ii. 3(g) Totnes Forum - joint meeting with adjoining area groups. Carry forward.	<b>PB</b>
iii. 6(c) Historic Towns Forum – now agreed not to renew subscription.	
iv. 4(b)(i)(1) JW confirmed that the Guildhall is now the location of the Tourism Office.	<b>PB</b>
v. 8(b) –social event in March 2018 with Barry Weekes (Totnes Image Bank) – Carry forward.	
3. Reports:	
a. Chair - None	
b. Secretary – None	
c. Treasurer – JL presented the accounts for y/e 30 June 2017 that had been signed off by the independent examiner, Nigel Kelland. The Committee noted the money held on behalf of	

<p>others (£18,253.23) and agreed that the description of ‘Totsoc as banker for other projects’ should be changed to omit the word ‘banker’. JL will consider whether ‘Restricted Funds’ would be a more appropriate description. Subject to this one point the accounts were approved.</p> <p>d. Membership Secretary – Three membership subscriptions remain outstanding. JL/PB to resolve whether one of these may relate to a deceased member.</p> <p>e. Planning Officer</p> <p>i. <i>Station Bridge/Pond</i> – PB reported on a recent meeting with Network Rail. It would not be possible to relocate the pond close to its present location, as it would require NR to take back land let to Alchemy Cars. Instead three options were considered and the most suitable appeared to be a location close to the cycle store adjacent to platform 1 (Plymouth). The Committee agreed and PB will report back to NR.</p> <p>ii. Parkers Barn – PB reported that Devon County Council has still not exchanged contracts on the sale to a residential developer. It was questioned whether DCC was having second thoughts and might now be considering provision for a pedestrian/cycle access from Camomile Lawn (Linden Homes) to Parker’s Way.</p> <p>iii. Joint Local Plan – This has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate that will arrange for the Public Enquiry to be held. PB reported that about 2,500 responses had been received. Of these about one third came from Dartington where there is strong opposition to the housing developments set out in the draft plan. None of these objections was accepted and the Plan goes forward to the Public Enquiry with these outstanding. Galliford Try seeks allocation of Follaton bungalows and land further up the hill. This proposal is resisted in the JLP as SHDC argue that the land has “severe constraints”. Persimmon, that is understood hold options on some land are challenging the settlement boundaries to enable development between Barracks Hill/Longcause and the A385. Many developers want to dilute the requirement to provide at least 30% affordable housing on all schemes.</p> <p>f. PA&amp;DF Nothing to report</p>	<p>JL/PB</p> <p>PB</p>
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<p>g. Totsoc Forum – Nothing to report.</p> <p>4. Reports</p> <p>a. External Bodies - Joint Local Plan - See above</p> <p>b. Local Authorities</p> <p>i. Totnes Town Council (JW)</p> <p>1. JW reported on an initiative with neighbouring authorities to tackle antisocial behaviour including graffiti and begging.</p> <p>c. Traffic and Transport Forum (T&amp;TF) – Nothing to report.</p> <p>5. Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>a. Totnes - PB had circulated a discussion draft for comment to Committee members. It was noted that the Town Council had yet to respond which was important given that it is the only body that can endorse the plan before formal publication. Otherwise PB is awaiting the advice of South Hams District Council as to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be required.</p> <p>b. Dartington - KW reported that she is working to incorporate the results of the consultation held earlier this year into the draft.</p> <p>6. Matters raised by members</p> <p>Babbage Road, Vodafone/Telefonica Radio mast – One member had contacted the committee expressing concern at this proposal. The member was invited to provide specific detail of their concerns but had not responded.</p> <p>7. Contact</p> <p>a. The next edition is planned for mid September ahead of the AGM. Contributions to DM by early September.</p> <p>8. AOB</p> <p>a. AGM – Now confirmed for Thursday 19 October at the Royal Seven Stars. Rhodri Samuel of Dartington Hall Trust to be our speaker.</p> <p>9. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 14:00 (<b>NB earlier start time</b>) at Orchard Corner.</p>	<p><b>DM/All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
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