

# TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Friday 8 December 2017 at 2:15pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

Judy Westacott (President)	P
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### Members:

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

*P = Present. A=Apologies*

<p>1. Apologies - see above</p> <p>2. Minutes</p> <p>a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 20 September 2017 were approved.</p> <p>b. Matters arising</p> <p>i. 2(b)(i) Upgrade to WordPress software - Carry forward.</p> <p>ii. 2(b)(ii) Totnes Forum - joint meeting with adjoining area groups. Carry forward.</p> <p>iii. 2(b)(v) -social event in March 2018 with Barry Weekes (Totnes Image Bank) - BW happy to do it but date to be fixed.</p> <p>3. AGM (19 October 2017)</p> <p>a. The meeting noted a very positive feedback and increased interest in the various initiatives being taken by the Dartington Hall Trust.</p> <p>4. Reports:</p> <p>a. Chair - None</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>KW/DM</b></p> <p><b>PB</b></p> <p><b>JK</b></p>
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- b. Secretary – None
- c. Treasurer – The AGM had cost £80 and payments received amounted to £91.
- d. Membership Secretary – Almost all subscriptions had been paid. 2 members had resigned and there are three new members.
- e. Planning Officer - None
- f. PA&DF - The committee welcomed the design of the proposed seating and noted that it was intended to be manufactured on site by a local boat builder. AW suggested that at the appropriate time, Totsoc could gain some publicity from this project.
- g. Totsoc Forum – None

#### 5. Reports

- a. External Bodies – Nothing to report
- b. Local Authorities
  - i. Totnes Town Council (JW)
 

It was noted that a representative might report to the re-formed Neighbourhood Plan group.
- c. Traffic and Transport Forum (T&TF) – Nothing to report.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Plans

- a. Totnes - PB requested that TK take the chair for this item as he declared an interest having previously chaired the Steering Group.
- b. PB provided the committee with an overview of how the previous steering group had come into being, the work it had done and the recent decision making by the Town Council. He drew attention to statutory requirements as to membership and process that the successor body would need to follow. He also noted that the previous group had been complimented for their work by both SHDC and Historic England.
- c. JW reported on the decision processes of the Town Council and how it was able to reverse an earlier decision to continue to work with the previous steering group.
- d. The committee agreed that it should comment to the

<p>Town Council on the importance of a Neighbourhood Plan in protecting the area from developers able to take the initiative in the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee agreed to discuss further at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>e. Dartington – Nothing to report.</p>	<p><b>PB/Planning Group</b></p>
<p>7. Matters raised by members</p> <p>a. Proposed development at Whiterock, Paignton</p> <p>It was noted that the proposal falls outside the Totsoc area however Totsoc has an interest in the AONB that would be affected by the proposal. PB considered that approval was unlikely as it was inconsistent with the relevant local plan and that there was perceived to be something of an oversupply of residential development in the Torbay area.</p> <p>b. Proposed development at True Street, Berry Pomeroy</p> <p>The planning group will consider a detailed response but the in principle decision was to lodge an objection on the grounds of development outside an existing development envelope, inconsistent with current policies and would lead to the further spread of Totnes to Berry Pomeroy.</p> <p>c. Brimhay</p> <p>The Committee noted the correspondence received and had nothing further to add to the response already provided to the member.</p> <p>d. War Memorials</p> <p>The committee expressed thanks to the member for drawing attention to the work they had done on the topic.</p>	<p><b>PB/Planning Group</b></p>
<p>8. Contact</p> <p>a. DM confirmed that the next edition would go out in March and that it was too soon to consider content.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p>9. AOB - None</p>	
<p>10. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 14:15.</p>	