

**RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY HELD ON MONDAY 14th September 2015
AT ORCHARD CORNER**

Present: Judy Westacott, Sue & Paul Bennett, Jim Carfrae, John Keleher, Jeremy Logie, Dave Mitchell, Anne Ward.

1. APOLOGIES: Kate Wilson

2. THE MINUTES of the meeting of 27 July 2015 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair (JW).

3. MATTERS ARISING: Totsoc Forum meeting re Dartington to be carried forward. **ACTION KW.** Murals in the Civic Hall. This is ongoing. JW said that she had been asked if Totsoc would contribute to the cost. This was put to the meeting and declined. 4.1. Tourist Information: JW said that the report from the Consultant would be available shortly. 6. Letter to Sarah Wollaston: PB understands that she is pursuing this but a formal response is awaited. 10. Replacement of Plaque at the Guildhall: PB had written to Cllr. Whitty suggesting that this should be pursued through the TC's insurers as he believed that ownership of the Plaque would have passed to the Council on annexation to the building.

4. REPORTS

4.1. CHAIR (JW): None not addressed by items below.

4.2. SECRETARY (PB): Civic Voice Devon Forum. The inaugural meeting of this proposed local forum will take place on 19 October in Newton Abbot. JL has agreed to attend future meetings but is away. Left open for anyone to volunteer to attend in place of JL. The Chair of Civic Voice is to attend.

4.3. TREASURER: (JL). JL reported that the Totsoc bank balance had been swollen by funds received on behalf of the Baltic Wharf Arts Project. He has arranged to have the annual accounts to be presented to the AGM verified by an independent examiner.

4.4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (JL): Nothing to report.

4.5. PLANNING: (PB). Riverside Linden Homes: A reserved matters application had been made which sought to increase the number of dwellings on the western portion of the site from 29 to 35 coupled with a further application increasing the number of affordable units by one. The Totsoc planning group felt that the application was confusing and inadequate and JW said that the Town Council's planning committee had asked for refusal but believed SHDC would take little notice and give approval. PB to write to SHDC opposing the application in its present form. He is also to pursue the apparent failure of Linden Homes to apply

for permission to extend the footpath/cycle way so that it connects with Steamer Quay Road as previously promised. **(ACTION PB)**

Valeport 20 St Peter's Quay. A major new building adjacent to the newly constructed office for the same company. In principle and subject to further examination this proposal is likely to be acceptable.

Dairy Crest/Atmos. The outline proposals have now been drawn up for comment in conjunction with the proposed "community right to build order" which does not go through the normal planning process but has to be approved by an examiner and is then subject to a town wide referendum before such an order can be made. There is general support for this which is being undertaken by the Totnes Development Society.

4.6. PUBLIC ART & DESIGN SUB-GROUP: AW reported on the Baltic Wharf Arts events linked to the survey and recording of the flora and fauna of the site before development takes place. A talk and walks had been organised coupled with a workshop and the visit of the camera obscura.

4.7. Totsoc Forum: Nothing to report but the intention remains to arrange an open meeting to discuss Dartington issues which impact on Totnes.

5. EXTERNAL BODIES:

Local Authorities: Town Council. JW had been notified of a dangerous wall near the Rampart Steps. No Council would take responsibility for it but JW then pursued the matter through the SHDC Health and Safety Officer who managed to persuade DCC to deal with it as a "one off".

SHDC. A by-election for a Totnes Councillor will be held on 8 October. Dai Antill has been appointed as "Locality Officer" for Totnes.

T&TF: Nothing to report.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS : Dartington NP. KW reported (via PB) that she was engaged in various meetings to discuss the question of site allocations in the light of the financial needs of the Dartington Hall Trust but at the same time being aware of the consequences in respect of those sites over which developers have options particularly within the green belt between Totnes and Dartington.

Totnes NP. PB said that the Housing Needs survey distributed to nearly all properties within the town boundary had engendered a much greater response than had been expected and these responses were still being analysed, A summary document should go out to all organisations within the town shortly.

The site selection process was underway and a workshop involving the community will probably be held towards the end of October. Further funding is needed to help in obtaining professional help in the drafting of the plan.

7. AGM ACTIONS: JW to do a note for insertion in the Totnes Times. JC will get 20 copies of the flyer/poster printed and send the a/c to JL. AW will arrange placements for the posters. Barry Weekes to set up presentation at 6,30pm. Committee members to meet at Seven Stars at 6.30pm to put out chairs etc. JL will not be present but will set up a float for admission money. JC and JK to collect admission money. PB to have agendas printed and inserted in "Contact" for distribution and for further agendas and minutes of last year's AGM to be available at the meeting. **ACTION JW JL JC JK**

8. CONTACT: DM reported that the Autumn edition was now at the printers. PB and SB to arrange deliveries etc. **ACTION PB/SB**

9. A.O.B: JK suggested that Totsoc could collect the Lawrence Green articles on churches and put into booklet form and perhaps sold via e.g, Tourist Information and the Totnes Bookshop. JK to prepare some notes on the proposal for the next meeting. **ACTION JK**

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2.15 p.m,
ORCHARD CORNER
Please note later start time

Sue Bennett