

**RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY HELD ON MONDAY 16th May 2016 AT
ORCHARD CORNER**

Present: Judy Westacott, Sue & Paul Bennett, John Keleher, Jeremy Logie.

1. APOLOGIES: Jim Carfrae, Kate Wilson, Dave Mitchell, Anne Ward
2. THE MINUTES of the meeting of 21st March 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair (JW).
3. MATTERS ARISING: 6. Atmos Consultation: The letter of support had been agreed between members of the Planning Group and circulated to members. As there was no dissent the letter was sent to SHDC Development Management.

4. REPORTS

4.1. CHAIR (JW): Nothing that would not arise under later report.

4.2. SECRETARY (PB): Brunel Building (Atmos site). An application for a grant for funding the restoration work needed here has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund. PB was asked to write a letter of support on behalf of Totsoc, which he has done.

4.3. TREASURER: (JL): There had been no transactions since the previous report. The draft annual accounts to 30th June will be ready for consideration at the next meeting

4.4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (JL): JL referred to the suggestion made at the previous meeting regarding members paying subscriptions by cash. There are five such members at the moment. It was agreed that JL/PB should meet to discuss this and consider steps to recruit new members. **ACTION JL/PB.**

4.5. PLANNING: PB reported on two applications. First, development of the car park at the rear of 42 Fore Street (behind Lloyds Bank): the proposal is for four residential units none of which will be affordable but an offsite contribution has been asked for of £122,00. The area includes some derelict garages and the development will overall result in a considerable enhancement of this area. The downside is the loss of car parking. The planning group took the view that there was no reason to object. The second application relates to two new affordable houses within the curtilage of the garden of 18 Paige Adams Road. These houses can be comfortably accommodated within the garden and again there is no reason to object or call for comment.

4.6. PUBLIC ART & DESIGN SUB-GROUP: PB reported that at Baltic Wharf negotiations were continuing regarding the contract for the provision of street furniture.

4.7. Totsoc Forum. Nothing to report.

5. EXTERNAL BODIES:

Local Authorities: Town Council. JW reported that a plea had been made by the Council for the people of the town to work together following the reversal of the Traffic Order resulting in Fore Street and High Street reverting to being "one way up". Regarding the TIC there is an embargo on Councillors disclosing the decision made at the last TC meeting but a statement would appear in this week's issue of the Totnes Times. Regarding the delayed pedestrian crossing at Heath Way it would seem that this is about to be constructed.

T&TF: No report.

No further reports.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS :

Dartington: no report.

Totnes NP: There has been a meeting with SHDC assets to discuss the sites within the town boundary in SHDC ownership (these principally consist of the sites put forward by Totsoc under the call for sites made by SHDC). These sites mainly consist of car parks but include the Market Square, the Steamer Quay area and Follaton House. Because of the lack of resources SHDC will not be considering these other than perhaps Steamer Quay in the short term. Follaton House is now substantially sublet to organisations valuing the parking space and SHDC will not consider any proposals for this. The NP sites group expressed its disappointment at this response.

Representatives of the NP also met with KEVICC when it was agreed to seek funding to develop a brief for the area owned by the College to explore the possibility of seeking a Neighbourhood Development Order as a means of taking this forward. The application for grant funding has now been made and the outcome should be known shortly.

An appointment of a designer to help with the preparation of the draft plan is about to be made and the drafting of the various sections of the plan is underway.

7. CONTACT. The Autumn issue is due out in late September/early October and will be distributed before the AGM in October. DM will require copy by mid-September at the latest. Contributions will be needed.

8. A.O.B: AGM. Following the success of last year's AGM it was agreed to ask Barry Weekes whether he would be prepared to have another joint meeting with the Image Bank and to let JK know of his response. **ACTION JK.** JW is to

ascertain whether the Seven Stars can be booked and if so the cost. The proposed date is Thursday 20th October. **ACTION JW**
Quiz Night: this will be at the Bay Horse on Monday 13th June (8pm for 8.30). All members (and their guests) to be invited. **ACTION PB.**
JL reported that the Totnes Trust was looking at future projects to consider, one of which is a footbridge over the river from Steamer Quay to Vire island.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 25TH JULY 2016 2.15.PM
ORCHARD CORNER.

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