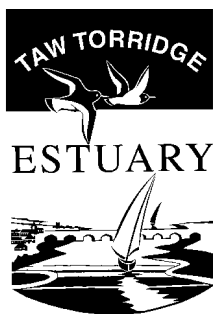


THE TAW TORRIDGE ESTUARY FORUM



CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

Website: www.ttef.org.uk

MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 21st January, 2019 at the Castle Centre,
Barnstaple

Present were;

John Breeds	Hon. Member
Dave Jenkins	Observer
Valerie Deering	Appledore RA & TTEF Treasurer
Sandra Knight	Coastwise
Chris Hassall	Rolle Canal
Norman Briden	Devon Birds
Tony Pratt	NDYC – Chair
Jasmine Chesters	Braunton PC
Nigel Batley	RNLI Appledore
Jim Bell	YAG
Lesley Burgess	Westleigh PC
Rodney Cann	Fremington PC
Jan Whittington	WEBS
Matt Edworthy	Gaia Trust
Rob Large	Natural England
Richard Berridge	Econ Ecological Consultancy

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for absence: TP welcomed Rob Large (NE), Richard Berridge and Jan Whittington for WEBS. Thanks to Dave Jenkins. Richard explained his role which was to survey the effects of disturbance on waders on the estuaries.

Apologies were received from Niki Tait (RNLI), Paul Labistour (BHM), Cheryl Stanbury (Sec), Simon Brown (IPC), Trevor Johns (BTC), Rebeca Aston (NE), Sarah Young (WWF), Peter Hames (NTC), Jenny Carey-Wood (AONB).

2. Annual Election: Officers:

Chairman; there being no nominations TP agreed to stand as Acting Chairman for the year

Vice-Chairman; there were no nominations

Treasurer; Val Deering was elected as Treasurer

Committees:

Consultation & Planning; CH & JB agreed to continue to serve. TP extended an invitation to other members to join the committee if they so wished.

3. Presentation of TTEF Annual Accounts for 2018/Treasurer's Report/Proposal; Val Deering presented the Annual Accounts which have been scrutinised and these were accepted by the meeting. There were no questions.

Val the put forward a proposal that some of the TTEF funds be used to provide small grants for environmental projects to improve the estuaries. This was also accepted nem con. This would be considered at P & C.

4. Annual Subscription Rate for 2019 and Honoraria; it was agreed to keep the subscription per organisation at £20 and to continue to maintain the Honoraria.

5. Minutes of Previous TTEF Meeting: Monday, 15th October, 2018 (Circulated); these were accepted as a true record without amendment.

3. Matters Arising from the TTEF Minutes:

(a) Estuary Report: Including:

Report from Bideford Harbour Master (PL); Unfortunately Capt. Labistour was unable to attend and had sent no report. If received TP would circulate.

Houseboats & Liveaboards; Cllr Cann reported that neither District Council appeared interested in taking action.

Appledore Instow Ferry; TP reported that a new ferry has been ordered with a capacity for 15 following a grant from LEADER 5. Passenger numbers last season were 22,481, up 1000 on the previous season. The new season starts in April and volunteers are always welcome.

Salt water Ingress to Braunton Marsh; Jasmine Chesters (JC) sits on the Marsh Drainage Board and updated the Forum. The sluice is now complete and working well. There were concerns about the surfacing along the top of the main dyke which had been carried out by the Marsh Inspectors. Dave Jenkins had kindly provided photographs.

Speeding on the Estuaries; there was nothing further to report at present.

(b) North Devon's UNESCO International Biosphere Reserve: there was no report.

(d) North Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership: unfortunately Jenny had been unable to attend at the last minute so there was no report.

(e) Northam Burrows; currently there appears to be no problem. There was no further information on the EA/Golf Club plan. TTEF is now represented on the Northam Burrows Forum organised by Northam Town Council.

(j) Any other matters arising. There were none.

4. Planning, Consultations etc, including:

- a) Housing at Yelland; there was a new application for Yelland power station site.
- b) Housing in Appledore; CH reported on the various developments around the Skern.
- d) Website; material now being uploaded to the new website.
- e) AONB Management Plan; TP had commented on the illogical boundaries.
- f) Houses at Pitt Lane; there was now an outline application.
- g) Horsesey Island; is again up for sale.

TP asked for any comments on the two major applications listed above to be sent to him ASAP for consideration by the P & C Committee. Comments on planning would be more effective if reference could be made to NPPF and Local Plan.

TP was asked to write to TDC & NDC highlighting the issue of continuous development around the estuaries.

5. Minutes of Policy & Consultation Committee. There were none to ratify.

6. Urgent Matters brought forward by the Chairman; there were none not so far covered.

7. Correspondence Received;

- a) Coastwise Spring Programme
- b) Coastal Partnerships Network Newsletters
- c) TEP Updates
- d) Marine Planning Newsletter
- e) Northam Burrows Committee Minutes
- f) MMO East & South Monitoring Survey
- g) Marine Planning Workshops; Newquay, Dartington & Taunton, 5th, 6th & 7th Feb
- h) Starlings Under Bideford Bridge.

8. Agenda Items proposed for next Meeting;

- a) A speaker from the Yelland Development
- b) Sarah Young's (WWF) "Perceptions of Marine Governance in North Devon"

9. Any Other Business: (short information items only)

- a) Richard Berridge outlined his work on bird survey.
- b) Nigel Batley reported that the RNLi was having its 5 year inspection and highlighted the increase in incidents related to mental health.
- c) Cllr Cann mentioned his plastic free initiative.

10. Dates and Venues of Forthcoming Meetings; Usual 3rd Mondays;
April 15th, July 15th Oct. 21st & Jan. 20th, 2020