

## REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 19 01 26

The Committee remains as; Tony Pratt (Chair), Jeff Needham (Vice Chair, Treasurer & Interim Secretary), Mark Haworth-Booth, Sue Prosper and John Puddy. Chris Hassall, a very long serving member of this Sub-Committee having semi-retired remains as a “consultant”, especially in planning matters. Ian Crawford, (Secretary) is retiring.

The Committee has met twice since the October Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Discussion and action has been undertaken on the following topics;

1. The following **Planning Matters** have been considered and/or responses made:-

a) **Richmond Dock, Appledore (TDC 0718), a Grade 2 Listed Building.** This application has been monitored by the P & CC but to date 921/2/26) it has not appeared before the TDC Planning Committee.

b) **Planning Application (NDC 78993 80365) Yelland.** This was for another 20 houses and was opposed. It was thought that this was a “holding application”

c) **Yelland Quay South Development No 77453** This is another outline application to extend the Yelland Power Station development to the other side of the Tarka Trail. Originally this was to be a car park but now appears as a mixed development. It was agreed that this should be opposed on the grounds of flooding, a greenfield site outside the local plan etc and this has been done.

d) **The Closure of Barnstaple Quays.** This is a consultation by North Devon Council to close the three quays for which they are responsible; Castle, Rolle & Fremington. This was opposed on the following grounds; this would be a once and for all decision, excluding the port from future development, reducing leisure use, safety as well as historical grounds.

2. **Finance** As of 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025 the balance in the account was £2900-40 after expenditure for website of £68-74. Full details will be as published for the AGM.

3. **TTEF Secretary** As has been previously reported Ian Crawford our long term and long suffering voluntary Secretary is retiring at the end of 2025. We thank him for all that he has done for the Forum. Interim measures have been put in place for minuting the AGM and for recording etc of the P & CC. Our thanks go to Jeff Needham for organising the former and taking on the latter. No volunteers have been forthcoming for the Secretary’s post and this is a very worrying situation, possibly threatening the future of the Forum. CAN ANYONE PLEASE HELP?

4. **Other matters**

a) **Future Speakers.** Tom Humphreys will speak at the AGM on his work for the Biosphere, Mary Breeds has agreed to speak in April and Navantia (new owners of Appledore Shipyard) are being approached for July.

Suggestions for other speakers are always welcome as would be representatives of TTEF member organisations to talk about the work of those organisations.

#### 4. **Other Matters.**

a) **Taw & Torridge Estuary Strategy.** TP continues to liaise with Chris Fuller (TDC) on the way forward..

b) **River Champions.** John Puddy represent TTEF and has reported progress being made by the River Champions and monitoring of the water quality on the Kenwith River, a tributary of the Torridge, has begun.

c) **Devon Maritime Forum.** No progress has been made on a successor to this sadly now defunct body.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF, December, 2025