

## REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 20/04/26

The Committee welcomes John Challis who was co-opted at the P & CC meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Otherwise it consists as as; Tony Pratt (Chair), Jeff Needham (Vice Chair, Treasurer & Interim Secretary), Mark Haworth-Booth, Sue Prosper and John Puddy. Sue Prosper is the new representative of the Committee on the NDCNL. Chris Hassall, a very long serving member of this Sub-Committee having semi-retired remains as a “consultant”, especially in planning matters.

The Committee has met twice since the AGM, on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 27<sup>th</sup> March.

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 currently it rests with TDC Planning under consideration.

b) **Yelland Development (PA 78993)** This application we opposed on grounds of flood risk. DCC’s flood risk objection appears to have been withdrawn.

c) **The Closure of Barnstaple Quays.** North Devon Council have, following consultation decided to upgrade Castle and Rolle Quays.

2. **Finance** As of 27/03/26 the Bank balance was £2639.20

Expenditure	Hall booking	£25.00
	Secretarial assistance	£100.00

3. **TTEF Secretary** With increasing workload much consideration has been given in the P & CC as to how the Forum might proceed if a new Hon. Secretary cannot be found although we are still hopeful that a volunteer will come forward. **We ask all member organisations to help us find someone.** The way forward will be discussed at the April meeting.

4. **Other matters**

a) **Future Speakers.** Mary Breeds has confirmed that she will be April’s speaker and Navantia (new owners of Appledore Shipyard) are being organised for July . Suggestions for other speakers are always welcome as would be representatives of TTEF member organisations to talk about the work of their 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 represents TTEF. The group now has a secretary. In September an event is to be held at Arlington Court. The group is also starting to produce controlled documents to help make reporting of observations uniform.

c) **Wrecks.** A survey has been carried out on vessels in the River Caen. Thanks to Sue Prosper and Jack Philips.

d) **Trust Port.** The consultation on and the Harbour Revision Order submission for the River Exe has been considered with its possible implications for the Taw Torridge.

e) **Contact with the Crown Estate** The P & CC Chairman is in contact with the Crown Estate and a meeting is being arranged to consider wrecks, moorings and the Trust Port.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF, March 2026