

TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE (TTEF-P&CC) **MINUTES** of meeting held Friday 5th Dec. 2025 2.30pm at Beechfield Centre

PRESENT Jeff Needham, Tony Pratt, John Puddy, Sue Prosper, Mark Haworth-Booth, Ian Crawford,

APOLOGIES Chris Hassall,

MINUTES of 14th November Accepted and adopted

URGENT MATTERS ARISING None

PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Richmond Dock** - Still no decision from TDC Planning Committee.

FINANCE

JN reported a balance of £2900-40 in the account after expenditure for website of £68-74.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING

a) Action Reports

i) IC

a) **Future Speakers** Tom Humphries and Mary Breeds have confirmed their availability to speak at January and April's Forum respectively. Both speakers will be asked to speak for 30 mins with 10 mins Q&A.. Navantia speaker is being arranged by JP..... **Action JP**

b) **Devon Marine Forum** IC had emailed (cc.TP) Martin Hutchings, Head of Flood & Coastal Risk Management at Devon County Council requesting the names of constituent organisations comprising the Devon Maritime Forum. No reply as yet received.

c) **Membership Lists & Spreadsheet** IC had updated the spreadsheet and proposed sending the two email lists comprising of membership organisations and Forum attendees. IC will forward these to TP & JN..... **Action IC**

d) **Youth Project** NDYC Report has been circulated. JN reported that the boards visibility to the public is restricted as on NDYC property, although TP assured us that more public access to the club will improve visibility. Discussion on future youth **website**.

ii) TP

a) **Estuary Strategy** -Chris Fuller is still working with Paul Brown on each section of the Estuary Economic Strategy with a view to setting up sub-committees for these sections. TP is in keeping in touch with Chris F as a follow up... **Action TP**

b) **Bideford Port** - TP reported that NDYC are currently opposed to a harbour authority which includes the proposed Trust Port. - Cllr. Ken Hind will be speaking with NDYC as the

Town Council like ourselves is supporting the concept. JP pointed out that NDYC would have more control over moorings with the regulation of a trust port. SP referred to a comparable situation that exists in the Exe estuary where money is needed to fund waterway maintenance and changes and kayakers and paddle boarders could be affected. SP offered to check what consultation process has taken place over the Exe estuary.

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c) **Barnstaple Quays** - TP has raised TTEF's objection to the closure of the three quays. NDC claim they cannot afford the update cost to comply with the introduction of Ports and Marine Facility Safety Code and have put the issue out to consultation at <https://orlo.uk/13QVt> which closes on **January 5th 2026**. This issue will be posted on our website page 'Current Issues' **Action TP**

d) **Secretary Position** TP had contacted Martyn Isaacs who confirmed his offer to take minutes of the AGM in 2026 for which a remuneration of £100 has already been agreed by P&CC. JN offered to continue the liaison with Martyn subject to receiving his private email address from TP. **Action TP & JN**

TP was concerned about circulation of reports - it was proposed that these could be posted directly onto the website via Chris Dee.. TP currently requests reports and these could be forwarded to CD. TP to discuss with CD..... **Action TP**

iii) **JN**

a) **Constitution** Has been amended and will be circulated at the AGM. **Action IC**

b) **Cups Costing/Washing Up** JN reported he had been unable to produce figures. However MH-B volunteered to do the washing up and after discussion about obtaining refreshment materials he volunteered to cover this to for which he was thanked. IC agreed to send MH-B a list refreshment materials..**Action IC & MH-B**

iv) **JP**

a) **Update on Rivers Group:** JP reported that Cllr. Peter Jones had picked up the River Taw responsibilities. Rob Jordan CEO ND Biosphere is to arrange training of 'river scientists' (volunteers). JP stressed the good links developing naturally on a social and environmental basis within the group. a river monitor is now installed on the Taw Bridge and similar soon on Torridge Bridge

v) **SP**

a) **Velator Quay** SP reported that a group is set up to liaise with live aboards, organise a clean up and deal with the big issue of removing abandoned vessels and hulks. JP said that Martyn Bennet, deputy harbour master and Mike Teare are carrying out a similar exercise on the Torridge. SP emphasised that the status of dwellers on live aboards is being recognised as a social demographic group with official provision for them being made.

b) **Any Other Matters** No other matters

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Current Issues** - Issues to be updated with Chris Dee. **Action TP**

b) **New Members** - SP proposed we consider Braunton & Small Boats Angling Club where the contact is Jack Phillips, as members of the Forum. This was agreed unanimously. IC will send a membership proforma to the club..**Action IC**

AOB

- AGM (*Agenda needed before Mon Jan. 5th for distribution*) **Action TP & IC**

- IC had come across the TTEF commissioned Braunton Marshes publication. TP passed the booklet published in 2007 to IC. It was agreed that reference to this with the internet link should be included on our website Documents page. IC will send the info to Chris Dee.

Action IC

- JN reported that a further two licences had been issued for off shore floating wind farms. Also that DWT had reported that 30,000 salmon will be released into the Torridge.

- IC was thanked for his contribution to the Forum over a period of 6 years of which the last 2 years were as Secretary.

NEXT MEETING - Friday 13th February at 2.30