TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 2:15pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

Judy Westacott (President)	P

Members:

Paul Bennett (Chair)	P	Jeremy Logie	A
Sue Bennett	P	Dave Mitchell	P
Jim Carfrae	A	Anne Ward	P
Tom King	P	Kate Wilson	P
John Keleher	A		

P = Present. A=Apologies

1. Apologies – see above	Action
2. Minutes	
a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 8 December 2017 were approved.	
b. Matters arising	
The following were carried forward from the previous minutes:	
i. 2(b)(i) Upgrade to WordPress software - Carry forward.	KW/DM
ii. 2(b)(ii) Totnes Forum - joint meeting with adjoining area groups. Carry forward.	РВ
iii. 2(b)(iii) –social event in March 2018 with Barry Weekes (Totnes Image Bank) – BW happy to do it but date to be fixed.	јк
3. Reports:	
a. Chair	
PB reported on the approach from Louis Victory regarding a possible presentation to Totsoc of the proposals for the parish church. It was agreed that	РВ

Totsoc should publicise the public presentations to its members and it was noted that JW represented Totsoc on the church committee.

- b. Secretary None
- c. Treasurer It was noted that TQ9 would pay Raw Edges for its work on the Baltic Wharf public space and agreed that Totsoc would release the money it held against this work.
- d. Membership Secretary Nothing to report.
- e. Planning Officer

Berry Pomeroy - PB clarified that the planning reference in his recent email regarding this development was incorrect. It is 4302/17/OPA and relates to a development of 9 houses on land to the rear of the primary school. Planning Group will look at the proposal.

PG

Weekly planning list - PB expressed concern that SHDC no longer provided a weekly list of applications and would make representations to the council about this.

PB

Town Mill - The proposed use as a café was discussed. PB noted that whilst this use had consent, he was not aware of any other applications for internal works to a listed building. (not for minuting)

AW

Steamer Quay Care Home— It was noted that the needs assessment for the scheme made no reference to the already proposed care home provision on Baltic Wharf. AW will speak to Steve Mittler to confirm that this is still intended on Baltic Wharf. More generally it was noted that the scheme would produce mainly low paid employment that would not be consistent with the 'thriving towns and villages' policy in in the Joint Local Plan. PB will ask John Baulch to consider the aesthetics of the proposal. PB to consider with the Planning Group

PB/Planning Group

- f. PA&DF Nothing to report.
- g. Totsoc Forum Nothing to report
- 4. Reports
 - a. External Bodies

JW reported that there were two by elections coming up and that the Town Council were considering the appointment of a town centre manager. Funding had been secured for improvements to the skate park.

- b. Local Authorities Nothing to report
- c. Traffic and Transport Forum (T&TF) Nothing to report.

5. Neighbourhood Plans

- a. Totnes JW reported that the new steering group had been appointed and that areas had been allocated to individual members. The group intended to engage Lee Bray as its planning consultant.
- b. Dartington KW reported progress on the plan. There were currently issues over allocation on Broom Park and other sites. She expected an advance draft to be ready to coincide with the issue of the Joint Local Plan.

6. Matters raised by members

One member asked the committee to consider how Totsoc should respond to the consultation on the proposals for the parish church, recycling and air pollution and educational standards at a Totnes primary school. The Committee noted that it was proposing to engage with the church committee on its proposals. TK was asked to respond to the member on all the issues raised.

TK

7. Contact

DM confirmed that the next edition would go out in April and that contributions would be required by late March.

All

8. Quiz Night -Monday 12 March 8:00pm for 8:30pm

KW and DM have teams. Need to provide a prize of 4 bottles of wine for winners plus other prizes and prizes for the raffle TK to do reminder to all members two weeks prior.

TK

9. AOB

The notice received from Civic Voice promoting local events on 16 June. PB will speak to JK and AW to Robin Lacey. JW will speak to the Museum Trust.

PB/AW/JW

10. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 14:15.

All