TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date:	Wednesday	711 April	2018	at 2:15	pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

J	udy Westacott (President)	P
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Members:

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

1. Apolo	gies – see above	Action
2. Minut	es	
a.	Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 7 February 2018 were approved.	
b.	Matters arising	
	The following were carried forward from 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.	PB
	iii. 2(b)(iii) Social event with Barry Weekes (Totnes Image Bank) – Carry forward as BW currently dealing with relocation of The Image Bank.	JК
	iv. 3(a) PB reported that 9 members of Totsoc attended the presentation on proposals for the parish church. He noted that in response to representations, the war memorial would not now be relocated.	

- v. 3(e) PB confirmed that he had written to SHDC regarding publication of the weekly planning lists and following consultation with the Planning Group had made representations regarding the proposed care home at Steamer Quay Road.
- vi. 6 TK confirmed that he had responded to the member on the several issues that the committee had been asked to consider.

3. Reports:

- a. Chair (PB)
 - i. Totnes Station work is about to start on the new bridge/lifts and other alterations including relocation of the pond.
 - ii. Baltic Wharf the next stage of this development is about to go to consultation.
- b. Secretary None
- c. Treasurer None.
- d. Membership Secretary None
- e. Planning Officer (PB)
 - Improvement of Market Square Assistance will be sought from David Martin once the Town Council has received feedback and given instructions to Harrison Sutton. At that point Totsoc will get involved.
 - ii. NPPF PB has drafted a briefing note on the proposed changes. It was noted that the proposals seek to pass much of the responsibility from central government to local plans that are more easily challenged by developers.
 - iii. JLP Noted a large number of proposed amendments. Some items that were previously 'policies' have been changed to 'objectives' thus weakening controls. Air quality in A385 corridor a concern.
- f. PA&DF None
- g. Totsoc Forum None
- 4. Other Reports

PB/Planning Group

- a. External Bodies None
- b. Local Authorities (JW)
 - i. Following the election of Louise Webberley, the council is now at full strength.
 - ii. JW will be the next mayor from 24 May.
- c. Traffic and Transport Forum (T&TF) None

5. Neighbourhood Plans

- a. Totnes (PB) reports are awaited from the sub-groups on the Town Council before these can be drawn together.
- b. Dartington KW reported by email that the Parish Council is holding a NP consultation on 18 April on the most recent NP draft and a consultation on energy and possibly responding to the consultation re the NPPF especially the removal of the "golden threads".

6. Matters raised by members

One member asked the committee to consider the proposals for the parish church, air pollution and the management of the Civic Hall. The involvement of members in the proposals for the parish church is noted above (2(b)(iv)). The other matters are outside the remit of Totsoc. TK was asked to respond to the member on all the issues raised and refer them to a contact in the Town Council.

TK

7. Contact

DM reported that the final draft was now ready and that subject only to a few minor amendments was ready to print. It was agreed that 90 copies should be printed.

- 8. Quiz Night -Monday 12 March
 - a. A very successful evening. KW reported that the money raised (£240.30) has been paid into the TotSoc bank account.

9. Data Protection

TK reported that new regulations come into force in May relating to the use and retention of personal data. He agreed to draft a short policy document for consideration at the next

meeting.	TK
10. AOB - None	
11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 14:15.	All