

TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 2:15pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

Judy Westacott (President)	P
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Members:

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Apologies – see above2. Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 11.04.18 were approved.b. Matters arising<ul style="list-style-type: none">The following were carried forward from previous minutes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. 2(b)(i) Upgrade to WordPress software - Carry forward.ii. 2(b)(ii) Totnes Forum - joint meeting with adjoining area groups. Carry forward.iii. 2(b)(iii) Social event with Barry Weekes (Totnes Image Bank) – See 7 below.iv. 3(e) – PB confirmed that he had written to SHDC regarding publication of the weekly planning lists and had received no response. No further action.3. Reports:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Chair (PB)<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Totnes Station – work has now started but it is now	Action KW/DM PB
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too late to involve local schools in any design work for the replacement pond and garden as it is too near to the end of term.

- ii. SHDC Asset Sales – Following a recent ‘closed session’ of the council there were rumours that a number of council owned car parks would be put forward for development including Heath’s Nursery in Totnes. The matter will come back to the full council on 26 July.

b. Secretary – None

c. Treasurer – In the Treasurer’s absence it was queried whether we should continue with Barclays as the local branch had now closed. It was agreed that for the time being we should maintain the account¹.

d. Membership Secretary – None

e. Planning Officer (PB)

- i. Camomile Lawn S106 Payment – a payment of £96,000 will now go to Dartington rather than Totnes to provide a sustainable development with a high percentage of affordable housing. The site is close to the Totnes boundary and without this financial support the scheme might not go ahead.

- ii. Improvement of Market Square – PB, JC and Charles Fox met with Harrison Sutton Architects who have produced six sketch schemes for discussion and consideration by the Town Council. A note of the meeting prepared by Charles Fox had been circulated prior. It was noted that to complete any of the schemes would cost more than the currently available funds of about £150,000. It was expected that the Town Council would select its preferences from across the schemes and then go out to consultation. It was agreed that the maintenance of the markets and improvement of the surfacing were key issues for the Committee. JW asked that it be recorded that she had

¹ Post meeting note from JL –The reason why we continue with the Barclays Bank is that all but 11 of our members’ standing orders are received into that account. The bank account is only used for that one purpose. Barclays do not charge fees and JL can access the account on-line. If we were to close the account we would need to ask members to sign a new bank mandate and quite a few wouldn’t bother. The time to close the account is when we decide to increase the subscriptions.

taken no part in the discussion of this item.

- iii. NPPF (draft of proposed revised National Planning Policy Framework). KW and PB had met with Sarah Wollaston MP who fully supported the view that in terms of affordable housing the draft policies were damaging to Totnes and South Hams and that having one policy document for the whole country will not work and that 'one size fits all' approach was inappropriate. She intended seeing the Minister to put these views to him.
- iv. In principle consents (KW) – reported on a proposal to allow 'in principle' approval to be given to brownfield sites on the basis of simplified application process and very short consultation period. Whilst in theory only an extension of the formal 'pre app' process, there was the risk that wholly inappropriate development could get approval in principle with little scrutiny.
- v. A385 Air Quality (KW) – the consultation on this has closed. The Council's proposals are now awaited. Noted that in the absence of major road building, the Council had very limited options to improve air quality.
- vi. Steamer Quay Care Home (PB) – reported that despite Totsoc objections the scheme had been approved. This was not surprising given that the applicant had satisfied the relevant employment criteria.
- f. PA&DF - Baltic Wharf. AW gave an update on the play area and confirmed that the new seating would be installed during September. This might provide an opportunity of for some publicity and depending on timing, an item for Contact.
- g. Totsoc Forum – None

4. Other Reports

- a. External Bodies - None
- b. Local Authorities
 - i. JW reported that the Town Council was undertaking a reorganisation of its structure to reduce the number of committees from 4 to 2.
- c. Traffic and Transport Forum (T&TF) – None

<p>5. Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>a. Totnes - None.</p> <p>b. Dartington – KW reported the latest version 4 of the plan was now on their website. The main issue remains development on DHT land that is now proposed to be within a single area. Following further discussions with SHDC, the plan for the DHT land will go to public consultation.</p>	
<p>6. Matters raised by members</p> <p>Members have raised no new matters although one has suggested that the committee should be more active in certain issues such as urging the police to enforce the access restrictions to the High Street with fixed penalty notices. It was agreed that TK would respond.</p>	TK
<p>7. Contact</p> <p>The next edition of Contact will be published in mid September and include notice of the AGM (18.10.18). PB will do piece on Market Square and NPPF. KW on a topic to be confirmed.</p>	All
<p>8. 2018 AGM</p> <p>a. The meeting will be on Thursday 18 October at 7:00pm</p> <p>b. PB will invite either Peter Sutton to speak on the Market Square proposals or Barry Weekes of the Image Bank.</p> <p>c. JW will check availability of the Seven Stars and liaise with PB about making a booking.</p>	PB JW
<p>9. Data Protection</p> <p>a. A draft policy was circulated prior to the meeting. It was felt that it was unnecessarily long and KW offered to send TK an alternative model.</p> <p>b. It was noted that the wording of the membership form/renewal notice would need to be amended to comply with the requirements of GDPR.</p> <p>c. It was noted that the security of personal data was important and that membership data should be securely stored and kept only for so long as needed.</p>	KW/TK
<p>10. AOB - None</p>	

11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 22 August 2018 at 14:15.	