

## TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 24 October 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	P
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*

	Action
1. Apologies – see above	
2. Minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 29 August 2018 were approved.	
3. Matters Arising	
The following were carried forward from previous minutes:	
i. 2(b)(i) Upgrade to WordPress software. See (9) below.	
ii. 2(b)(ii) Totnes Forum – No further action.	
4. AGM Feedback	
a. It was agreed that it had been a successful event with positive feedback from members. Members appreciated the choice of venue that contributed to the quality of the presentation that followed.	
b. It was noted that a greater number of non-members attended than had in previous years.	
c. After paying the expenses and sharing receipts with The Image Bank, Totsoc made a modest profit of £45.50.	
5. Reports:	
a. Chair (PB)	
St. Mary's Partnership – It was agreed that the Totsoc	

<p>should join and that JW would be its representative.</p> <p>b. Secretary – None</p> <p>c. Treasurer - None</p> <p>d. Membership Secretary (JL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. All ‘October’ membership subs have been received. A few members pay at other dates.</li> <li>ii. The Chairman, Membership Secretary and Secretary are to meet in November to review membership lists and the process of keeping this information up to date.</li> </ul> <p>e. Planning Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. JLP Modifications (KW) – KW tabled a plan showing that the whole of the ‘core’ Dartington Estate was now within the plan thus giving the Dartington Estate the flexibility to bring forward schemes across the estate.</li> <li>ii. Settlement Boundaries (PB) – Noted that the settlement boundaries had been removed from the JLP but that Neighbourhood Plans could still introduce settlement boundaries however the overall effect was to weaken controls.</li> <li>iii. Nellies Wood View (KW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reported that this had always been allocated for employment although some residents of the new houses adjacent had been lead to believe by the developer that this would be in the form of a care home rather than B1/B2 business/industrial units.</li> <li>2. In response the large number of objections, the developer arranged a meeting on 23 October and brought forward a substantially revised scheme in terms of height, layout, signage and cladding materials. Whilst these may address the concerns of some objectors, it would reduce the floor space that might be an issue for SHDC planning policies.</li> <li>3. KW will consider a response from Totso.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>f. PA&amp;DF (AW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Baltic Wharf – AW provided a brief report on</li> </ul>	<p><b>JW</b></p> <p><b>PB/JL/TK</b></p> <p><b>KW/PB</b></p>
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<p>progress with the new seating. The three units will be constructed in wood and steel. Currently issues regarding the necessary foundations to be resolved. PB asked AW to circulate a brief report on all committee members.</p>	<p><b>AW</b></p>
<p>6. Other Reports</p>	
<p>7.</p>	
<p>a. External Bodies</p>	
<p>i. PB reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Totnes Traffic and Transport Forum. Town Council revisions to its Transport Policy were discussed and agreed.</p>	
<p>b. Local Authorities (JW)</p>	
<p>i. The Guildhall – The Town Council is reviewing it space requirements at The Guildhall and this may release some space for residential use.</p>	
<p>ii. SHDC Asset Sales – The Town Council will be meeting with SHDC and its consultants regarding the proposed sales as they affect Totnes.</p>	
<p>8. Neighbourhood Plans</p>	
<p>a. Totnes – JW reported that there appeared to have been no progress although a meeting of the Town Council subgroup was scheduled for 19 November 2018.</p>	
<p>b. Dartington – see 5(e)(ii) above.</p>	
<p>9. Matters raised by members – None</p>	
<p>10. Totsoc Website</p>	
<p>a. KW reported that there was a ‘draft’ website using Wordpress software that had been created some time ago. She will update this work and make it available to all committee members.</p>	<p><b>KW</b></p>
<p>b. DM will migrate the current data to the new site.</p>	<p><b>DM</b></p>
<p>c. KW will provide instruction to committee members as to how they may edit certain sections of the site. Overall control of the site will need to remain with a single Webmaster.</p>	<p><b>KW</b></p>

<p>11. Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The committee thanked DM for his work on the last edition that was published at the end of September.</li> <li>b. The next edition will be due for publication at the end of March 2019. DM has no material 'left over' for this and will call for contributions at the next committee meeting.</li> <li>c. KW asked if the format of some articles could be changed perhaps by introducing sub headings to avoid the appearance of a 'solid block of text'.</li> </ul> <p>12. AOB</p> <p>Leechwell Gardens – DM asked that the thanks of the Leechwell Garden Association be recorded for the recent donation towards its 'third gate'.</p> <p>13. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 14:15.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
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