TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 2:00pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

Present:

Paul Bennett (Chair)	Р	Jeremy Logie	А
Sue Bennett	Р	Dave Mitchell	Р
Jim Carfrae	Р	Anne Ward	А
Tom King	Р	Judy Westacott (President)	Р
John Keleher	Р	Kate Wilson	А

P = *Present. A*=*Apologies*

1. Apologies – see above		Action
2. Mi	nutes	
a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 02 August 2017 were approved.		
	b. Matters arising	
	 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)(v) –social event in March 2018 with Barry Weekes (Totnes Image Bank) – JK to speak to BW.	ЈК
3. Re	ports:	
a. Chair – PB reported that he had been invited to the Sharpham Heritage meeting on 26 September 2017.		
b. Secretary – None		
c. Treasurer – None		
d. Membership Secretary - None		
e. Planning Officer - None		
	f. PA&DF - None	

- g. Totsoc Forum None
- 4. Reports
 - a. External Bodies Nothing to report
 - b. Local Authorities
 - i. Totnes Town Council (JW)
 - 1. JW reported that rough sleepers continued to be a problem in the area of the Civic Hall.
 - 2. There was a brief discussion of other 'civic' issues including the poor quality of signage in the town and overflowing recycling containers at Heath's Nursery car park.
 - c. Traffic and Transport Forum (T&TF) Nothing to report.
- 5. Neighbourhood Plan
 - a. Totnes PB reported that they had received a large number of responses to the informal consultation that would now be worked through before finalising the formal draft. It was noted that Marion Adams (Town Councillor) has raised a number of objections on behalf of Totnes Boating Association that would be adversely affected by development of land in Steamer Quay Road and the proposed pedestrian bridge from Vire Island to Steamer Quay.
 - b. Dartington Nothing to report.
- 6. Matters raised by members

The Shippon, Victoria Street, Totnes

A member had expressed concern regarding the design of this new house and asked whether Totsoc had made any representations to the planning application in 2014. PB confirmed that the committee had considered the scheme and attended a site visit. However it did not consider there were any proper grounds on which to object to the proposal. It accepted the opinion expressed in the planning officer's report that "The character of the Victoria Street area is varied with historic cottages, the brutalist mass of Russell Court and other modern interventions, including the rear of the Mansion. The addition of the balcony and the use of standing seam zinc are not, therefore considered to be anomalous in themselves and would make for a striking building that combines some historic fabric with modern interventions."

7. Conta	ct	
	DM reported that he now had the necessary contributions for Contact and needed to print within the next 10 days. The only item required was a short bio on the speaker – Martyn Evans of Dartington Hall Trust. IT was agreed that TK would speak to KW.	ТК
8. AGM -	19 October 2017 at 7:00pm	
a.	Speaker – KW to be asked to contact Dartington Hall Trust for details of Martyn Evans – see above.	KW
b.	Venue – TK to confirm with Royal Seven Stars that it has the booking.	ТК
c.	Admission Charge – It was agreed that the entry charge be $\pounds 2.00$ for members and $\pounds 3.00$ for others.	
d.	Flyer – KW to be asked to design and print an A5 flyer invitation to the AGM and talk to be distributed to local shops and cafes.	KW
	Post meeting note – TK has spoken to KW who will deal with (d) and TK will deal directly with (a).	
9. AOB		
a.	JC reported that he has accepted an appointment as Plymouth University as full time project manager for a research project into cob building construction. Whilst he wished to remain involved with the work of Totsoc, it would limit his time to attend committee meetings.	
10. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 14:15.		