

TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 4 November 2019 at 2:15pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

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	A
John Keleher	P		

P = Present. A=Apologies

<p>1. Apologies – see above</p> <p>2. Minutes</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 02.09.19 were approved.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. Matters arising</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">The following were carried forward from previous minutes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">i. 2(b)(i) TCDS Membership – Application has been completed. JL has still to hear how our donation should be paid.</p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">ii. 2(b)(ii) Tree planting – TK confirmed that he had tried to contact both Morrisons and the Environment Agency regarding the river bank planting adjacent to Morrisons’ car park but had yet to get a response. He will continue to chase.</p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">iii. 2(b)(iv) Website - DM has completed the migration of data to Wordpress. KW to provide some basic instruction to members on how to edit in the webpages.</p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">iv. 5(a) Station Pond – PB reported that the pond had now been completed and that the station staff will look after the fish with Incredible Edibles maintaining the garden.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>TK</p> <p>KW</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. 5(b)(i) – PB to contact Charity Commission to provide the correct income and expenditure figures for 2018. vi. 5(b)(ii) – TK to file the 2019 return with the Charity Commission vii. 5(c)(ii) – The question over the need for an LEI was resolved. Totsoc does not require one. viii. 5(e) - Baltic Wharf (Brutus Explorer) – AW asked that the minutes be amended to refer to it as an ‘interactive play area’, not an interactive sculpture. ix. 6 – PB apologised that he had only now contacted Cllr. Jo Sweett and Colin Luker for reports. 	<p style="text-align: right;">PB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TK</p>
<p>3. Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PB thanked DM and the contributors for an excellent edition. b. Next Edition - DM confirmed that the next would be published in April so contributions required during March 2020. c. DM invited others on the Committee to take over the production noting that layout and balancing the pages was the main issue. d. DM noted that the printing cost has increased significantly and he would query this with Veaseys. 	<p style="text-align: right;">PB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DM</p>
<p>4. 2019 AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PB reported that the AGM held on Wednesday 23 October had been a success. About 23 members and 8 guests attended the meeting. b. PB noted that the draft minutes of the AGM had been completed and would be circulated with these minutes. 	
<p>5. Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chair – PB reported on the redevelopment of the Brutus Centre. In addition to his comments to the AGM (see 3(b) in the AGM minutes) he noted that the location was such that the detailed design and massing should be very carefully considered. He confirmed that he would be writing to SHDC asking 	

that this be considered.

b. Secretary - None

c. Treasurer and Membership

i. JL reported that all October membership renewals had been completed with one new member and one resignation.

ii. The AGM made a surplus of £4.00 and the current balance on the account was £15,674.41 including money held for Baltic Wharf.

iii. TK asked JL to provide him with an updated copy of the membership list.

d. Planning Officer (KW) - None

e. PA&DF

i. Baltic Wharf – AW reported on the progress of the new seating and play area. Lucy Badrock has taken over the project from Suzanne Heath. Ian Bowles of Baltic Wharf is making the new seats. PB asked AW to provide a note giving the details to TK for circulation.

6. Other Reports - None

7. Neighbourhood Plans

a. Totnes – PB reported that instead of amending the existing plan, which had received its final informal consultation, and which now needed to take into account comments made at that consultation and also those of SHDC, the two planners appointed by the TTC had prepared a new plan which only incorporated parts of the existing plan. The new plan also infers from the section on consultation that the plan they have prepared is the earlier plan updated which is incorrect. PB has met with the Chair of the TTC committee and protested at this and asked for a further meeting to discuss how these and other defects might be remedied. Totsoc would be unlikely to give the plan its support as it stands.

b. Dartington – Nothing to report.

8. Matters raised by members - None

JL

AW

9. AOB

- a. Dartington Hall Trust - It was noted that the trust had posted a notice on its website regarding its serious financial situation. This may have implications for the number and rate of land sales by the Trust.
- b. Constitution - TK reported that the existing Constitution dates from 1969. It provides that the Society's accounts should be 'audited' rather simply comply with Charity Law that would not require any third party review. It was agreed that more details of a revised constitution and the procedure for it adopting should be presented to the next meeting.

10. Dates of future meetings

- a. Committee - Monday 6 January at 14:15.

TK

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