

TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 6 January 2020 at 2:15pm

Place: Orchard Corner, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes

Members:

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| Paul Bennett (Chair) | P | Jeremy Logie | P |
| Sue Bennett | P | Dave Mitchell | P |
| Jim Carfrae | A | Anne Ward | P |
| Tom King | P | Kate Wilson (from item 4) | P |
| John Keleher | P | | |

P = Present. A=Apologies

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| <p>1. Apologies –Judy Westacott and as above</p> <p>2. Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Previous minutes - the minutes of the meeting on 4 November 2019 were approved.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Matters arising</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">The following were carried forward from previous minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">i. 2(b)(i) TCDS Membership – Application has been completed. JL has still to hear how our donation should be paid – see also 5(c)(iv) below.</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">ii. 2(b)(ii) Tree planting – Morrisons and the Environment Agency. No progress but will continue to chase.</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">iii. 2(b)(iv) Website – In KW’s absence item carried forward. KW to provide some basic instruction to members on how to edit the webpages.</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">iv. 5(b)(ii) – Now that PB has corrected the 2018 filing, TK will file the 2019 return with the Charity Commission</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">v. 6 – PB has yet to hear from Cllr. Jo Sweett (SHDC). He had heard from Cllr. Colin Luker (TTC) regarding the Neighbourhood</p> | <p>JL</p> <p>TK</p> <p>KW</p> <p>TK</p> |
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| <p>Plan.</p> <p>vi. 9(b) Constitution – TK has yet to prepare a revised draft of the constitution. It was agreed that this would not be submitted to members before the 2020 AGM so the draft could wait until a future meeting.</p> | <p>TK</p> |
| <p>3. Contact</p> <p>a. DM confirmed that contributions would be needed by end of March for the April edition.</p> <p>b. The following were articles were confirmed:</p> <p>i. Brutus Centre (Budgens) redevelopment (PB).</p> <p>ii. Bridgetown Cemetery (DM)</p> <p>iii. A church (JK)</p> <p>Others are asked to consider making a contribution.</p> <p>c. There were no offers to take on the all/part of the production of Contact and this will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>d. DM noted that the printing cost has increased significantly and he would query this with Veaseys.</p> | <p>All</p> <p>PB/DM/KW</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>DM</p> |
| <p>4. 2020 AGM</p> <p>a. It was agreed to invite Rob Hopkins, one of the founders of the Transition Movement.</p> <p>b. The TBA clubhouse was considered a good location but at this stage, the priority is to secure a speaker and then look for a venue.</p> | <p>KW</p> |
| <p>5. Reports:</p> <p>a. Chair – None.</p> <p>b. Secretary – None.</p> <p>c. Treasurer and Membership</p> <p>i. JL reported that all October membership renewals had been received. Three members pay later in the year.</p> <p>ii. JL circulated a financial report for the 6</p> | |

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| <p>months to 31 December 2019 and a year-end forecast. Income is expected to be £768.00 (2018/19 £893.66) and expenses £550.00 (2018/19 £718.60). The forecast surplus for the year is £218.00 (£175.06).</p> <p>iii. It was noted that the Quiz Night made an important contribution to income. PB will confirm a date for 2020.</p> <p>iv. It was noted that TCDS had still to advise how the proposed donation should be made. The Committee agreed that in the light of the reduced income it was no longer appropriate to donate £100 and that the donation should be reduced to £50.</p> <p>d. Planning Officer</p> <p>i. Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - KW reported that consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (c.300 pages) was about to close. The SPD supports the JLP and adds further detail to the policies. KW reported that she had not found any particular issues of concern but the size of the document and its use of links to other documents made it impractical to analyse in detail.</p> <p>ii. SPD/Harrison Sutton - PB reported that he had been approached by Peter Sutton of Harrison Sutton seeking support for objections his firm and other local professionals proposed to make to the SPD in relation to the size of permitted extension to residential properties. It was agreed that in the time available it would not be possible for Totsoc to respond.</p> <p>iii. Brutus Centre (ex Budgens) - PB reported that Churchill Retirement Living was working on its first detailed design. SHDC has agreed to set up a Design Panel to consider the proposals. The Totsoc Planning Group will meet with CRL once the plans are ready. The REconomy Centre in Leechwell Street was suggested as a possible venue.</p> | <p>PB</p> <p>JL</p> |
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| <p>e. PA&DF</p> <p>i. Baltic Wharf – AW reported on the progress of the new seating. The seating is to be located to the south of the housing and adjacent to the new footpath. The play project will be further to the south of the seating area. Work is expected to start during 2020.</p> <p>6. Other Reports – None.</p> <p>7. Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>a. Dartington – KW reported that Chris Balch was reviewing the plan prior to it going out for formal consultation.</p> <p>b. Totnes – PB confirmed that Totsoc submitted its objections and anticipated that there would be a meeting with the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.</p> <p>8. Matters raised by members - None</p> <p>9. AOB</p> <p>a. Station Pond and Garden – JL complimented all involved in the relocation of the pond and creation of the garden.</p> <p>10. Date of future meetings</p> <p>a. Committee - Monday 2 March 2020 at 14:15.</p> | <p>ALL</p> |
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