

**TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY
('TOTSOC')**

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The executive committee met on Monday 3 March 2020 at 2:15pm in Totnes.

Members and Apologies:

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

1 Discussed

- a. Officer reports – there were no specific reports from any officer.
- b. Totnes Community Development Society (TCDS) – PB now has confirmation that TOTSOC is a member and that it is holding a members only meeting on 5 March that will include updates on the Atmos Project and The Elmhirst Buildings (KEVICC). TK will attend.
- c. CONTACT – Publication will be at the end of March. A contribution has been received from Laurence Green. Contributions are awaited from PB, DM and AW. There remain 3 – 4 pages to fill.
- d. Constitution and committee
 - i. TK advised on the adoption of a new constitution to address the accounting requirements and to provide a more comprehensive set of procedures. There would be no change to the objects of the Society or the rights of members.
 - ii. It was noted that all members of the committee should be recorded as trustees by the charity Commission.
 - iii. The issue of trustee insurance was discussed and it was concluded that the risk exposure was low and that the cost of liability insurance was not justified.
 - iv. PB advised that he would not be offering himself for re-election at the AGM.

- e. Planning applications (PB)
 - i. Nellies Wood View (4052/19/FUL) Alterations to the existing wall. TOTSOC has made representations to the planning authority highlighting the lack of detail in the application to reconstruct the red brick wall on Ashburton Road.
 - ii. Former Budgens Store, Fore St. (4198/19/FUL) A major application by Churchill Retirement Living for demolition of the existing buildings and construction of 41 retirement apartments and 2 retail units. The Planning Group of TOTSOC will be meeting with the developer on 9 March to discuss the proposal and will then decide on any representations.
- f. Dartington Hall Trust – the committee noted the recent press comment regarding the Trust that is the owner of the largest quantity of the buildings in the district. The committee will closely monitor the situation and consider how the Trust’s financial problems might affect its environmentally and architecturally important estate.
- g. Neighbourhood plans (PB) – TOTSOC has made representations to SHDC on the Totnes plan. The Town Council is now awaiting feedback from SHDC.
- h. Local authorities – PB circulated a report provided by Jo Sweet (SHDC Councillor)
- i. Matters raised by members – None.

2 Decisions

- a. Constitution – the committee AGREED in principle to update the constitution and that a formal resolution would be put to members at the AGM in October.
- b. Totnes Community Development Society – the committee AGREED that TK should represent TOTSOC at the upcoming TCDS meeting

3 Next meeting - Monday 4 May at 2:15pm