

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The executive committee met on Monday 7 September 2020 at 2:15pm by videoconference.

Members and Apologies:

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

The minutes of the meeting on 20 July 2020 had been approved prior to this meeting.

1 Discussed

a. Action points from the previous meeting:

- i. Website Training – agreed that the website was an important part of TotSOC's communications and that its development including training should now be a priority.
- ii. Meetings – Whilst TK had not specifically asked members about changing the timing of meetings, no adverse comments had been received. There was some discussion regarding the venue for meetings in 2021. The REconomy Centre and Birdwood House were identified as possible options.
- iii. Articles for Autumn CONTACT required before end September.
- iv. The other action points from the last meeting have been completed.

b. CONTACT.

Articles are required before the end of September. PB agreed to produce one on the Government White Paper on fundamental changes to the Planning System. JC will provide material on Transition Homes and the impact of the White Paper. TK agreed to contact JK and KW to invite contributions and to ask members as well.

c. 2020 AGM

The committee noted a proposal from TK to defer the meeting until 2021. After discussion it was agreed that it would be preferable to go ahead with a meeting by Zoom to deal with the formal business only (no speaker). A provisional date of 4 November was agreed. TK to consider practicality of a

Zoom meeting but in any event cancel the booking at Totnes Boating Association. PB to cancel the speaker.

d. Dartington Hall Trust

PB reported that a meeting had been arranged with Alan Boldon for Wednesday 9 September to follow up on the previous meeting in June.

e. Totnes Community Development Trust (Atmos Project)

TK reported that in response to a request for a meeting he had received a copy of the letter from TCDS's solicitors indicating that TCDS was in dispute with other parties and that no further comment would be given at this time. A copy of the letter will be circulated with these minutes.

f. Neighbourhood Plan

i. Dartington – nothing to report

- ii. Totnes - PB reported that after further discussion the major points raised by the Planning Group had been accommodated within the draft Plan now being submitted to SHDC. Additionally PB had asked whether the Policy considerations set out in the Joint Local Plan relating to the ATMOS site would still stand in the event of the Community Right to Build Order falling. SHDC to be asked to give an opinion.

g. Officer reports

- i. Treasurer and Membership – JL reported that year-end accounts were now with the independent examiner. Noted that both income and expenditure were slightly reduced on previous year resulting in a surplus of £58 compared with £175 in for the previous year.

It was agreed that that SB and JW should be removed as bank signatories and replaced by JC and TK.

- ii. PA&DF – AW reported on a proposed interactive play area at Baltic Wharf. Residents had raised concerns and Ben Piper (TTC Councillor) was involved.

h. Matters raised by members/others – None.

2 Decisions

- a. The provisional date of the 2020 AGM would be Wednesday 4 November by Zoom.
- b. It was AGREED that Jim Cafrae and Tom King be signatories to the bank account.

3 Next meeting – Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7:00pm by Video Conference