

**TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY
(‘TOTSOC’)**

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The executive committee met on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7:00pm by videoconference.

Members and Apologies:

Paul Bennett	P	Jeremy Logie	P
Jim Carfrae (chair)	P	Dave Mitchell	P
Tom King	P	Kate Wilson	A

P = Present. A=Apologies

The minutes of the meeting on 18 November 2020 had been approved prior to this meeting.

1 Committee membership

On 16 January 2021 Anne Ward notified the secretary that she wished to resign as a trustee and committee member of Totsoc. All members of the committee expressed their appreciation for the work that Anne has done for Totsoc over many years and for her contribution to public art in the Town. The chair has written to her to this effect. The secretary confirmed that the Charity Commission details had been updated.

2 Discussed

a. Action points from the previous meeting:

- i. Website Training – It was agreed that the website, social media and encouraging new memberships was a priority and should be the main topic for the next meeting.
- ii. Bank accounts – CAF Bank account has been closed and amending the signatories to the Barclays account is in hand.
- iii. The other action points from the last meeting have been completed.

b. South Hams and West Devon Housing Strategy

The committee noted the strategy document was a well presented but quite generic document. PB noted that detailed implementation would be determined more by national planning policy than this document.

c. Dartington – Baker Estates and Wave Academy planning applications

Baker Estates – noted that this was an outline application and that it would be premature for Totsoc to make representations at this stage.

Wave Academy – PB urged the committee members to look at the proposal and consider making representations even though the formal consultation period had passed.

d. Neighbourhood Plans (PB)

Totnes – the Regulation 15 Version was completed in September 2020 and is now with SHDC for consideration.

Dartington – PB will check the current status with KW.

e. CONTACT – The next edition is due to be published in early April. DM will contact Laurence Green via John Keleher to see if LG can provide a church report. PB will provide an item on the latest Baltic Wharf proposals. JC will ask KW for a piece on Dartington planning matters.

f. Officer reports

i. Treasurer (JL)

1. The CAF Bank accounts have been closed and the balances transferred to Barclays.
2. In addition to JL and JC, it is proposed that the secretary be a third signatory to the Barclays account.
3. The current account balances are:

Totsoc (own funds)	£4,222.67
Baltic Wharf Art Project	£7,003.19
4. JL estimates that the operating surplus for the current year will be about £200.

ii. Planning Officer – PB reported on proposals for the consultation on the second phase of Baltic Wharf. He had spoken to Edward Lewis of Acorn Developments who have entered into a development agreement with the site owner, TQ9 Partnership. It is intended engage Geoff Bishop and Stride Treglown architects; both were involved with the first phase consultation. It was clear that due to the economics of the site, Acorn would be looking to make substantial changes to the previously approved scheme. It was agreed that Totsoc should form a sub-committee to consider the revised proposals. PB will approach up to 4 people from outside the committee to see if they would be interested in joining.

iii. It was agreed to remove PA&DF from future agendas.

g. Baltic Wharf Arts Project

The project managed by Suzanne Heath has been completed and all expenses have been met from the funds held by Totsoc. There is an underspend of £7,003.19. Of this £733.16 was due to Arts for All who confirmed that Totsoc could retain the money and use it *“to pay for items or activities which relate to the original ethos of your project”*. ‘Your project’ is the scheme prepared by Suzanne Heath that covered various art activities and works across the Baltic Wharf site. The Committee agreed that all the remaining cash should be considered to be subject to the same restriction as that imposed by AfA. Totsoc is not in a position to promote a scheme to use the remaining cash and it was agreed that the management company of the Baltic Wharf estate be invited to come forward with a proposal. JL will approach one of its directors.

Matters raised by members/others – None

h. AOB - None

3 Decisions

- a. The Committee agreed that the signatories to the Barclays account(s) should in addition to Jeremy Logie and Jim Carfrae, include Tom King
- b. The Committee agreed to form a subcommittee to consider the revised proposals for Baltic Wharf.

4 Next meeting – Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7:00pm by Video Conference