

## TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY ('TOTSOC')

### Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The executive committee met on Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 7:00pm at the REconomy Centre, Totnes.

#### Members and Apologies:

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

*P = Present. A=Apologies*

The minutes of the meeting on 16 March 2021 had been approved prior to this meeting.

#### 1 Discussed

- a. Action points from the previous meeting - None.
- b. CONTACT – Noted that contributions would be required by end August. Detailed discussion at next meeting.
- c. Monitoring of planning applications – it was agreed that KW would monitor Dartington applications and TK would monitor Totnes. The initial monitoring will focus on larger developments, listed building and conservation area applications. The results will be reviewed at the next meeting and a decision taken as to which neighbouring parishes should be added.
- d. Planning Officer and Neighbourhood Plans
  - i. KW reported that the Dartington plan was to be discussed that evening but was not yet at Regulation 14 (pre-submission consultation) stage. There were some elements that have still to meet new planning legislation.
  - ii. PB reported that SHDC is now consulting on the Totnes plan proposal. The consultation will run between 28th June and 22nd August.
- e. Reports – the financial report by JL was noted. The society's year-end is 30 June and JL will be preparing the annual accounts after that date.
- f. Major projects
  - i. Baltic Wharf – Following the comments made by Totsoc and others, Jeff Bishop (planning consultant to TQ9 Partnership) responded in May reporting that *"a clear design main option will emerge which will then be audited against the various*

*comments and shared with respondents*". No timescale has been given.

- ii. Atmos Project – There has been no further news since TK's conversation with the owner's agent in March. It was agreed that TK should contact him for an update and specifically query their plans for the pumping house and use of the grant money allocated to that building.
- iii. Brutus Centre (Churchill Retirement Living) – the application for retirement flats was refused by SHDC in June 2020. Churchill has appealed the decision and the Planning Inspectorate has set a hearing for 28/29 September 2021.
- iv. Baker Estates (Dartington) – BE has completed its consultation and made significant efforts to ensure that information was provided to all interested parties. Details of the current proposals are on: (<https://www.bakerestatesconsultation.co.uk/sawmills-broom-park-dartington>) there is link on this site to the architectural options, green infrastructure and matters such as drainage.

KEVICC – The College has published a consultation document on options to rationalise the campus following a reduction in student numbers from 1,800 to about 1,000. It was noted that consultation is essentially about options to create a single site school with improved facilities. However all options required the sale of development land so have significant implications for Totnes and Dartington. It was agreed that as an initial step, TK would email all members to alert them to the proposals and ask if members felt that Totsoc should respond at this stage. The closing date for responses is 26 July.

g. Matters raised by members/others – None

h. AOB - None

**2 Decisions** - None

**3 Next meeting** – Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 4:00pm (**Note earlier time**)