

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The committee met on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at the REconomy Centre, Totnes.

1 Members and Apologies

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

Rod Hewett sent apologies.

2 Minutes - The minutes of the meeting on 1 August 2023 were approved.

3 Discussed

- a. *Matters arising from previous minutes (not covered below)* - None.
- b. *Committee Membership* – as RH was unable to attend the meeting, it was agreed that his election to the committee should go to the AGM in November. **PB/JC to speak to RH.**
- c. *CONTACT* – It was agreed that this should be produced in time to include notice of the AGM (21 November). **See attached note for details.**
- d. *Adoption of new constitution* – the committee considered the note prepared by TK on modernising the constitution. It was agreed that this proposal should be put to the membership at the AGM. **TK to prepare paperwork.**
- e. *Planning Officer/Neighbourhood Plans*

Planning Officer – KW reported that Dartington Hall Trust (DHT) had submitted a revised plan for residential development on either side of Dartington Lane. Consultation closes 12 October. It was agreed that the committee should indicate its support for the proposal. **TK to draft**

Neighbourhood plans

Totnes¹ - nothing to report.

Dartington – KW reported that it was awaiting the ‘estate framework’ from DHT that was expected within weeks.

¹ Post meeting note: Totnes Town Council has now published the final draft that will go to public referendum (date to be set)

f. Committee Reports

Treasurer – JL reported that Barclays had not received confirmation of some details and that this had been resent. This might result in a delay in making payments but had not affected access to the account which showed the bulk of membership standing orders had been received at the beginning of October.

Secretary – TK reported that the Charity Commission had changed its online filing system and that there were problems with filing returns. TK is waiting for a response from CC but noted that we have until end April 2024 to file.

g. Major projects

- i. Dairy Crest/Brunel Park – the two refused applications have been appealed. This will be heard at by public enquiry on 5 December.
- ii. Baltic Wharf – TK spoke to Acorn in August. They were expecting to apply for planning in September.
- iii. KEVICC – Nothing to report.
- iv. Steamer Quay (Care Home) –the committee had been contacted by residents regarding roof level plant that is not shown on the application drawings. KW has written on behalf of Totsoc to SHDC expressing concern at the incomplete application details.

4 Issues raised by members/others – None.

5 AOB – Bowden Pillars. The committee will consider this scheme at a future meeting, but it was noted that the current proposals would require any housing development to be compliant with ‘The One Planet Policy’ that is very restrictive in terms of its requirement for zero emissions and occupier lifestyle.

6 Next meeting Tuesday 21 November following AGM at 18:00

CONTACT and 2023 AGM

CONTACT will go out with notice of the AGM however it will be a reduced size as we lack an editor.

Timing

The AGM is on 21 November. Members must have notice of the meeting at least 14 days prior. Therefore, distribution must be completed Monday 6 November.

I am away from Friday 27 October until Monday 6 November.

Production

JC has agreed to get the template (a Word document) ready. Distribution to most of the membership will be by email but we will still need some printed copies so time will be needed for Veaseys to turn this around.

Contributions

JC Explanatory note on limited content and appeal for members to join committee.
Assemble document into template.

KW Photographs and captions?

TK Notice of AGM and explanatory note regarding the proposed new constitution.
Email distribution (**I will need final PDF copy by no later than 25 October**).

Unallocated – arranging printing and distribution of hard copy.

Other content

Copy of accounts (these are ready to go)?
Comment on Totnes Neighbourhood plan?

Please let me have any comments on this ASAP.