

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The committee met on Tuesday 21 November 2023 at the REconomy Centre, Totnes.

1 Members and Apologies

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

2 Minutes - The minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2023 were approved.

3 Discussed

a. *Matters arising from previous minutes (not covered below) - None.*

b. *Planning Officer/Neighbourhood Plans*

Totnes: - Noted that the plan had received strong support in the referendum albeit on a low turnout. The consensus view of the committee was that the plan was long on aspiration but lacking in tangible policies. Specifically, it appeared not to record the full consultation process and omitted previous expert reports. **It was agreed that PB/KW would draft a response to SHDC.**

Dartington: - The Parish Council has engaged a consultant to provide advice on some aspects of the draft. It is not expected to progress for some while.

c. *Committee Reports*

Treasurer and Membership – JL confirmed that most standing order memberships had renewed. Five had not and some of these will be followed up. It was noted that in two cases the member had died.

Secretary – TK reported that he had now filed the Annual Return with the Charity Commission.

d. *Major projects*

- i. Dairy Crest/Brunel Park – JC reported that he had been asked by Totnes Community Builders (formerly Totnes Community Development Society) to give a statement at the upcoming public enquiry. This was agreed; the statement would be based on the letter of representation made by Totsoc to the second planning application by Fastglobe. **JC to re-circulate the text for any final comments.**

- ii. Baltic Wharf – the anticipated planning application has still to be made although it was noted that SHDC could take months to validate an application.
Agreed that PB would speak to Steve Mittler and TK to Ed Lewis.
- iii. KEVICC – Nothing to report.
- iv. Steamer Quay (Care Home) – Nothing to report.

4 Issues raised by members/others – KW reported that one member had expressed disappointment at the lack of communication (CONTACT) from Totsoc.

5 AOB – None

6 Next meeting Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 6:30pm