

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The committee met on Tuesday 23 January 2024 at the REconomy Centre, Totnes.

1 Members and Apologies

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

2 Minutes - The minutes of the meeting of 21 November 2023 were approved.

3 Discussed

a. *Matters arising from previous minutes (not covered below)*

Item 3(b) – PB/KW had not responded to SHDC in relation to the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that there was no point in pursuing this.

b. *CONTACT*

It was agreed that Totsoc risked losing contact with its members if it did not get a substantial communication out to members this Spring. The following was agreed:

- (i) **RH** agreed to put the document together using Microsoft Word or Publisher. **JC** will provide the Word template used by the previous editor.
- (ii) That sending by email did not have the same impact as a hard copy so all members will receive hard copy. There will be some postage cost for mailing to those members that cannot not easily be delivered to.
- (iii) The magazine should have three or four articles with pictures that would ideally fill the usual 16 pages (including front and back cover).
- (iv) **JC** will produce something on Baltic Wharf. **PB** will speak to John K for a contribution.
- (v) All committee members are to try and come up with contributions by themselves or others.

No specific dates were agreed for publication.

c. *Planning Officer/Neighbourhood Plans* - Nothing to report.

d. *Committee Reports* - None

e. *Major projects*

- i. Dairy Crest/Brunel Park – JC reported that he had attended on one day of the public enquiry and spoke at the request of Totnes Community Builders (formerly Totnes Community Development Society). The proceedings were somewhat shortened when counsel for SHDC announced that subject to Section 106 agreements to provide affordable housing, it would withdraw its objections. Given that other objections have been raised at appeal, the inspector will continue the hearing. A proposed site visit had to be abandoned due to the failure of Fastglobe to provide PPE for those visiting the site.
- ii. Baltic Wharf – an application has now been submitted by Acorn. After brief discussion it was agreed that the mass, density, traffic, and affordable housing provision were areas of concern. It was agreed that:
 - 1. **PB** would contact Chris Balch to see if he could assist in drafting a response.
 - 2. **JC** would draft a message to Totsoc members for **TK** to distribute by email ASAP.
 - 3. **PB** will look out his old file on the project and provide the original application number to JC and RH.
- iii. KEVICC – Nothing to report.
- iv. Steamer Quay (Care Home) – Nothing to report.

4 Issues raised by members/others – None.

5 AOB – None

6 Next meeting Monday 26 February 2024 at 6:30pm

This meeting has been scheduled sooner than usual to progress the production of CONTACT and actions on Baltic Wharf.