

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 29 April 2024 at the REconomy Centre, Totnes.

1 **Members and Apologies**

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

P = Present. A=Apologies

2 **Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting of 26 February 2024 were approved.

3 **Discussed**

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

1-36 Parker’s Way, Bridgetown - TK had received a response from LiveWest. They will ‘redevelop the empty maisonettes for social rented housing, a combination of family and single person accommodation, plus a couple of wheelchair flats’. It was agreed that this was not an issue for Totsoc but the committee expressed concern at these units being left empty.

Dart Harbour Consultation Group - TK was unable to attend the meeting of the on 21 March but will look to attend future meetings. **TK.**

b. *CONTACT* – Hard copy had been distributed to all members. RH was congratulated for his work as editor, and he paid tribute to those who contributed the articles.

c. *Planning Officer/Neighbourhood Plans*

Dartington – KW reported that there was currently a consultation on the incorporation of local green space (LGS) into the plan. If adopted it would afford the same protection against development as the Green Belt designation.

Totnes – nothing to report.

Planning delays - It was noted that SHDC were exceptionally slow in dealing with planning applications: JC commented that the Transition Town scheme at Puddavine was again waiting for approval to a minor amendment. TK noted that the Dartington Hall Trust scheme at Dartington Lane was still awaiting approval having been validated in June 2022.

Totnes Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan – This was discussed briefly. A copy of the draft plan can be viewed here:

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AjJqobdt-7hyiGVBHINOpbEJisQJ?e=c9dEU3>

According to Totnes Town Council, SHDC will hold a public consultation on this document and its content from Monday 8th April to Sunday 19th May. However, this is not evident on the SHDC website. **TK** to follow up.

d. Annual Accounts and AGM

The financial year end is 30 June. **JL** will prepare the accounts after that date.

It was agreed that there should be an AGM with a guest speaker. The date will be late October – mid November and the preferred venue would be Totnes Cinema. **All committee members** were to give thought to who to invite to speak.

e. Committee Reports

Treasurer - **JL** reported that at the year-end (30 June) Totsoc would show a deficit of about £100 due to costs of printing and distributing CONTACT.

f. Major projects

- i. Dairy Crest/Brunel Park – Nothing to report.
- ii. Baltic Wharf – Nothing to report.
- iii. KEVICC – Nothing to report.
- iv. Steamer Quay (Care Home) – Nothing to report.

4 Issues raised by members/others – None.

5 AOB

RH suggested that the committee should canvass the membership re traffic on Fore Street/High Street. Whilst this had been a thorny topic over many years, it was agreed that the next CONTACT magazine might include a questionnaire.

6 Next meeting Monday 1 July 2024 at 6:30pm

7 Other dates (provisional)

Subsequent committee meeting – early September

CONTACT articles deadline – early September.

AGM notice – early October (minimum 14 days' notice required)

AGM and Committee meeting - late October – mid November