

**RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
TOTNES & DISTRICT SOCIETY HELD ON MONDAY 27th July 2015 AT
ORCHARD CORNER**

Present: Judy Westacott, Sue & Paul Bennett, Jim Carfrae, John Keleher, Dave Mitchell, Kate Wilson, Anne Ward.

1. APOLOGIES: Jeremy Logie

2. THE MINUTES of the meeting of June 2015 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair (JW).

3. MATTERS ARISING: 4.5 Totsoc Forum re discussion on Dartington to be carried forward. **ACTION KW.** 11. Murals in the Civic Hall. JW said that works to the building were being carried out but she would pursue this. **ACTION JW .**

4. REPORTS

4.1. CHAIR (JW): **ATMOS site:** JW has looked at the outline plans for the site following the lengthy consultation. She was very supportive of these but felt that provision should be made for some public art. PB said that he was arranging for the planning group to meet with Dave Chapman (Atmos) to be taken through the proposals. **Tourist Information:** an external consultant has been asked to look at how this is currently managed with a view to saving cost having regard to further cuts to local authority funding. **Town Council:** the planning committee opposed the application relating to Clifton Lodge Jubilee Road. (56/1422/15/F)

4.2. SECRETARY (PB): nothing to report.

4.3. TREASURER: (JL). In JL's absence PB gave his report. The management accounts for the year ended 30th June 2015 had been circulated to committee members. The total income of £666.06 included subscription income of £480 and £172 from the Quiz Night. Expenses totaled £522.41, leaving a net surplus of £143.65. The principal expense was printing *Contact* (£389.90). The net cost of the members evening was £34.50. The surplus the previous year was £47.21, but it included the added costs of £59 for printing the school trail leaflet and paying a speaker at the AGM.

The Santander account has been closed and two new accounts with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) have been opened. The new CAFCash current account will be the Society's principal account but for the time being the Barclays account will remain as this where subscriptions by standing order are paid into. It should be noted that the bank balance has increased because of funds held on behalf of the Baltic Wharf Arts Project totaling at present £24,700.

4.4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (JL): The number of new members during the year was offset by those who had died or resigned during the year.

4.5. PLANNING: (KW). Nothing of significance to report. A further meeting regarding proposals for Winsland House had been cancelled and nothing subsequent to that had occurred.

4.6. PUBLIC ART & DESIGN SUB-GROUP: AW reported on the appointment of the Natural Play artist project. British artist Kiran Chahal has been appointed following a competitive selection process. The proposal responds to the riverside location and the boatyard and will create “a series of playable artworks, rooted in the natural landscape, that appear to be discarded forms of fantasy transport, and are reawakened through play.” (Kiran Chahal).

4.7. Totsoc Forum: Nothing to report but it is hoped to arrange an open meeting to discuss Dartington issues which impact on Totnes.

5. EXTERNAL BODIES:

Local Authorities: Town Council. Nothing further to report and no report from either SHDC or DCC.

T&TF: Nothing to report.

6. Draft letter to Dr Wollaston: The committee approved this and support will now be sought from the South Hams Society. A copy of the draft is attached to these minutes.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS : Dartington NP. KW reported that the preparation of vision statements of the various task groups coupled with drafting the strategic objectives required to fulfill the visions were well advanced other than for the Housing Group where there are conflicting views as to where and what scale of development might be appropriate. KW is attempting to reconcile these views by looking at possible development on a site by site basis. Totnes NP. PB said that a successful “dropin” event had been held on 18 July which was well attended and the comments made by the public were being analysed. The putting together of the evidence base was well advanced and should be complete by October. A housing needs survey had been delivered by Royal Mail to all households within the town boundary. Initial drafting of the Plan should start in the Autumn.

8. AGM arrangements: the ballroom at the Seven Stars (who have kindly agreed to make no charge) is booked for the evening of Thursday 15th October from 7 p.m. It was agreed that there would be a charge of £2 for members of Totsoc and the Image Bank and £3 for non-members. Barrington Weekes will be giving a slide show of images of Fore Street and the High Street following the AGM. SB to arrange for the notice of the AGM to go into the Totnes Directory in October. **ACTION SB.**

9. CONTACT: DM – deadline for copy end August. The following offers are:

- ADVERTISING AGM - SB
- QUIZ - JW
- HOUSING ARTICLE – JC
- IMAGES – AW
- CHURCH ARTICLE – LAURENCE GREEN
- COMPARISON BETWEEN TOTNES LIFE IN 1971 AND NOW – JK
- LETTER TO SARAH WOLLASTON AND HER REPLY (IF RECEIVED) – PB

10. REPLACEMENT OF PLAQUE AT GUILDHALL: PB to investigate possible costs and check if the Guildhall still holds the broken one. PB to email to Tony Whitty to ascertain whether it is possible to recover the replacement cost from the Town Council's insurers. **ACTION PB.**

11. FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL CIVIC SOCIETIES (proposal from Torbay): JL happy to attend a meeting with Torbay in this regard and report back to committee for consideration at a later date. **ACTION JL.**

12. A.O.B: Nothing raised.

13. DATES OF NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2.15 p.m, ORCHARD CORNER

Please note later start time

Sue Bennett