

REPORT OF THE TTEF PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE FOR 20/07/26

The Committee welcomes Eric Evans who was co-opted at the P & CC meeting of 5th June 2026 and appointed as the new TTEF Secretary. We are indebted to Eric for volunteering for this job. Otherwise, P & CC consists of; Tony Pratt (Chair), Jeff Needham (Vice Chair and Treasurer), Sue Prosper, John Puddy and John Challis. Sadly for us Mark Howarth-Booth has had to step down from the committee due to pressure of other voluntary work. His contribution over the years has been much appreciated. Chris Hassall, a very long serving member of this Sub-Committee has now also fully retired. His contribution to the Committee and to the Forum in general has been second to none.

The Committee has met once since the April main meeting, on 5th June.

Discussion and action has been undertaken on the following topics;

1. The following **Planning Matters** have been considered and/or responses made:-

a) **Richmond Dock, Appledore (TDC 0718), a Grade 2 Listed Building.** This application is still being monitored by the P & CC but currently it still appears to rest with TDC Planning under consideration.

b) **“A Plan for Northern Devon”** consultation was noted as being proposed. TDC and NDC are in the process of creating a new joint local plan as the current plan ends in 2031. The scoping consultation is due to be 30th June - 11th August. As more information becomes available we will continue to review it as well as encourage our membership to make their own comments. c)

2. **Finance** as of 5th June, 2026; Current Balance £2519.70

Income; £5.50 (contribution to refreshments)
Expenditure; £150 (secretarial and hall bookings)

3. **TTEF Secretary** Thanks are due to Martyn Isaac for his recent work as minuting Secretary to the Main Meetings and to Jeff for minuting P & CC Meetings. As noted above Eric Evans has been appointed as permanent Honorary TTEF Secretary. This ensures the future of the Forum.

4. **Other matters**

a) **Future Speakers.** John Pavitt has confirmed that he will be July's speaker from Navantia (owners of Appledore Shipyard). Suggestions for other speakers are always welcome as would be representatives of TTEF member organisations to talk about the work of their organisations.

4. **Other Matters.**

a) **Taw & Torridge Estuary Strategy.** TP continues to liaise with Chris Fuller (TDC) on the way forward. An updated version is being written.)

b) **Wrecks.** TP has met with Peter Lawrence of the Crown Estate and Chris Fuller of TDC to consider the problem of wrecks on the two estuaries. It was agreed TTEF would instigate a survey of wrecks with the aim of shortlisting ten. The Crown Estate would then begin their removal. More information on this survey to follow.

c) **Trust Port.** The consultation on and the Harbour Revision Order submission for the River Exe has been considered with its possible implications for the Taw Torridge. In principle the Forum supports the setting up of a Trust Port for the estuaries. The Crown Estate supports the idea of Trust Ports but the initiative must come from the local authority.

d) **Constitution** JN is reviewing the constitution with a view to regularising the situation re Honorary Members.

Tony Pratt, Chair, TTEF, July, 2026