

TEIGNBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (TALC)

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Minutes

of the meeting held Thursday 28th July 2016 at Forde House

Present:

Ashburton	Alan Hitchcock; John Nutley	Ideford	Ashley Lamb
Bishopsteignton	Elaine Cawthraw; Hazel Stuckey	Ilsington	Reg Winsor
Bovey Tracey	Steven Leigh	Ipplepen	Roger Carnell
Chudleigh	Michael McCormick	Moretonhampstead	Jane Willis
Dawlish	Howard Almond	Newton Abbot	David Howe (Chairman) Phil Bullivant; Carol Bunday; Mike Hocking
Denbury & Torbryan .	Tony Brownhill	Ogwell	Richard Broome
Dunchideock	Dudley Swain	Shillingford St George ...	John Parrott
Hacombe-with-Combe ..	Anna Taylor	Tedburn St Mary	Patricia Moody
Henock	B Kelly; Janette Parker	Whitestone	Les Hickman; Tony Read
		TDC	Doug Hellier-Laing; Gary Powell

Apologies:

Bovey Tracey (Tony Allan); Chudleigh (Patricia Johnson-King); Ide; Ideford (Anthony French); TDC (Kevin Lake; Mike Walters); Mid-Devon Advertiser (Sandra Perraton)

1 Faud Al-Tawil, Secretary, Teign Energy Communities (TECs)

TECs is a not-for-profit organisation, started in Newton Abbot in 2014, that aims to promote ownership of renewable energy and energy saving processes with local communities, both to encourage energy security but also to keep the cost of energy local. It runs on a volunteer basis, currently working with such as Teign School, TDC and Teign Housing. TECs worked with Teign School for their 50kw installation, funded via a fully subscribed local share offer.

A 30kw proposal is under consideration at Moretonhampstead also on a community share funding and local ownership basis. Schemes currently under consideration will not rely on government subsidy, initial ones did. TECs is able to advise on funding, in particular to ensure profits are returned to the community.

It is important that prospective participants approach TECs for advice and help rather than TECs solicits for prospective schemes. This way, full local ownership becomes the key.

Other points:

- Equipment cost have increased because much of this needs to be imported but schemes can still be viable. The cost aim is a maximum of £1000 per kw installed.
- Rooftop installations are preferable to field-based solar farms
- Roof panels need no longer be visually intrusive – technology has moved on but location and impact are nevertheless key concerns. Panels have at least 25 year life span.
- Hydroelectric schemes are possible but have a much longer development timescale
- Several households, working together, could make a scheme worthwhile
- The model is for a scheme to share benefit and risk equitably between site owners, users and the local community
- More details – see www.teignenergycommunities.co.uk

2 Andrew White, CEO, Police & Crime Commissioners Office

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Alison Hernandez, is consulting on the new Police and Crime Plan that will set the policing priorities for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for the next four years. The two core strands are 1) keeping people safe and 2) getting the best out of the police. It is intended that the police revert more to a presence in local communities, rather than have larger centralised police stations. These may not be police “stations” but simply a local public facing office, preferably in a high foot fall location. The management of

the police estate, now a responsibility of Andrew White, considers opportunities for office/building sharing to increase this presence. The £400k cost of relocating the PCC into Middlemoor will be recovered from the annual £100k rental savings from the present offices.

It is evident that re-offending is prevalent so more attention is being given to this problem. Another area of concern is the slow and lengthy processes involved in the criminal processes of bringing a case to court. Sex offences can take up to 2 years for the case to be heard. The PCC has a no-tolerance approach to race crime, particularly important in recent post-brexit incidents. PCSOs continue to visit schools to engender knowledge of policing and support with children.

Consideration is being given to whether other services, such as fire or ambulance, could carry out tasks that police undertake when attending an incident. Cyber crime, particularly for children at risk, is an increasingly important topic to which more resources are now being applied. Don't hesitate to call 999 if a cyber or fraud crime or scam is in progress. The assessment of threat, risk and harm may lead to a later attendance by a PCSO at an incident rather than an officer immediately – this is the best use of resources.

All Members were encouraged to respond to the Plan consultation (forms handed out).

- 3 **Minutes of the meeting 26th May 2016** – These were approved (with an edit to “apologies”)
- 4 **TDC Use of IT for Planning Applications.** TDC wrote to all LC's 22/7/16 setting out revised proposals. The letter also suggested how various problems that LC anticipate, might be resolved. In essence, this IT change will be introduced fully from 01/04/2017, thereby allowing time for LC's to increase precepts if necessary to pay for any additional equipment, etc. TDC reiterated its offer to provide training & assistance but so far only taken up by 4 LCs.
Concern was expressed by a Member over the cost and storage for projection/screen equipment and meetings locations. It is likely these problems can be overcome by April 2017.
- 5 **September Meeting.** It was agreed to invite Christow Community Land Trust to talk about new houses and the processes. Also, invite a speaker regarding the SW Devolution. It was agreed to invite Nick Bloomfield, Senior Investigating Officer (Traffic Police), in November to talk about why it takes so long to clear a road after an accident.
- 6 **Secretary's Report**
 - The bank balance stands at £155.52
 - DALC reminds Members that there are still funds for Transparency Code Grant bids
 - NALC has updated “Being a Good Employer”. Worth reading
 - Highways Wardens – now organise works rather than undertake them (Post Meeting note: an email 26/7/16 from DCC seems not to support this. So we need to know more)
- 7 **Post of Secretary.** The invitation, from the May AGM, was repeated inviting anyone willing to take over as Secretary, but there were no takers. Dudley will continue for now.
- 8 **Future Meetings Schedule.** A discussion took place about reducing the frequency of TALC meetings from 6 to 5 per year. Members present voted to retain the 6 per year arrangement but agreed that all LC recipients of these minutes are welcome to respond to the Secretary for a wider voted to be taken into account. Response by Friday 21 September please.
- 9 **Matters brought forward by Members.** A Member questioned whether TDC would support a survey looking into the costs to parish and town councils of the services dropped by TDC and DCC. (post meeting note – TDC does not wish to run this survey). It would be necessary for the Member to approach their County Councillor for DCC matters.
- 10 **Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 29th September 2016** at 7.00pm at Forde House.
The meeting closed at 9.10pm