

Shores of South Devon (marine life interest group)

Steering Group Minutes

4th Meeting

15th October 2020 19:30 h, by Zoom

1. Present: Toby Sherwin (co-chair), Mike Puleston (co-chair), Rob Morgan (Treasurer), Peter Jonas, Anne Gwynn
2. Apologies: Celia Hadow
3. Matters arising:

MP is still investigating the idea of setting up a Twitter account. The Beach Hut proposal was discussed. **TS** has prepared a letter to be sent to Graeme Smith at TDC which is being looked at by **CH** before sending forward. He has also spoken to a hut lessee who told him that the huts are owned leasehold. A blind bid is required to acquire a hut when it becomes vacant (he paid over £2000) and thereafter TDC charge a ground rent of £20 per month. The huts can't be insured, but TDC are responsible for any repairs (from storm damage for example). Sources of funding include crowd funding and Devon Environment Foundation.
4. Membership report (**TS**):

Our numbers at the time of the meeting remain 11.
5. Treasurer's report (**RM**):

As at end of business on 14 October, the balance of the bank account stood at £85.00. We also hold £17.85 cash. This brings our total holdings to £102.85. Since the last meeting in late August income has been from one further membership payment from Kerry Sherwin, £5. Total membership payments since inception now total £55.
6. Safaris and Zoom talks:

A safari will be held at Paignton Fairy Cove on Monday 19th October. Meet at the slipway at S Quay at noon. It was agreed that we should hold a further safari at the Salty, Shaldon on 15th November.

Keith Hiscock is scheduled to give a Zoom talk on Tuesday 17th October at 1930 h and the signs are positive that there will be a sufficiently large audience to justify the effort. This talk will be free to all attendees, but we will need to decide about future talks on an ad hoc basis once we have seen how many people register for Keith's talk and how well it goes. The cost for a month's Zoom license that allows meeting atten-

dees of up 100 and for unlimited session durations is £14.39 when VAT is included.
TS will bill SoSD for this sum.

7. Next meeting:

The next Zoom meeting will take fairly shortly after the Hiscock talk.

8. The meeting ended at 20:20 h.