

## Tamar Tag Meeting Minutes

May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

Present: Scott Slavin, Victoria Slavin, Mel Priston, John Steers, Steve Miller, John Frazer, Lee Lidstone, John Stamm, Steph Carter, Cllr Andrew Long (part)

Apologies: Sarah Martin, Cllr Sheila Lennox-Boyd, Hilary Frank, Steve Baker

Cllr Andrew Long: Briefed on point his point of view and standing.

Discussion: Pros and Cons of representing only the bridge or both the bridge and the ferry crossing. Consensus was that whilst it was unfair for bridge users to heavily subsidise the ferry crossing, it would be counterproductive to try and treat them as separate issues and campaign only on behalf of the bridge. This as it would set the two communities at odds with each other with each lobbying their respective Counsellors, and the local MP, in different directions. Decision: Campaign is to represent both bridge and ferry crossings and campaign with a single voice on both issues, i.e. for crossings to become toll free.

Agreed group aim as:

The Tamar Toll Action Group is a community group formed to campaign on behalf of residents and Businesses of South East Cornwall and Plymouth, plus other regular users of the two crossings. Our aim is the abolition of tolls on the Tamar Crossings

Agreed and voted in initial operating committee as per below. Further members to be sought from Torpoint community. Secretary to be appointed:

- Chair – Mel Priston
- Deputy Chair – Scott Slavin
- Minutes Secretary – Steph Carter
- Treasurer – Lee Lidstone

Agreed Hash tag for use on Social Media as #TollFreeTamar

Agreed Strap line: Seeking a fair deal for residents, businesses and regular users of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry.

### **Actions:**

1. Public Meeting to be convened on June 16<sup>th</sup>
2. Steve Miller to rebrand Facebook Page as Tamar Toll Action Group and link to the closed Group
3. Steve Miller to contact Saltash Football club re use of their facility for a public meeting
4. Steve Miller to share draft constitution from previous activities and Steph Carter to modify for use by TTAG
5. Lee Lidstone to contact Lloyds Bank re opening of a Treasurer's account
6. All to build support by posting on Social Media, inviting friends and contacts to join the group / cause.
7. Scott Slavin and John Stamm to develop website to be hosted on Scott's existing server (hosted by TSO Host).
8. Mel Priston to get logo updated to be inclusive of ferry. Text to be added for Car Stickers, Scott and Mel to get quotes for production of stickers (for comparison).

To be discussed / agreed:

1. Agenda, format and objectives for public meeting.