

## EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Notes of 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, 10.30am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Exmouth Town Council, 44 Rolle Street.

#### ACTION POINTS IN YELLOW

#### PRESENT

Roy Pryke	RP	NPSG Chairman
Ian Cann	IC	NPSG Vice-Chairman
Bruce de Saram	BdS	Exmouth Littleham Ward Councillor
Keith Bungay	KB	Exmouth Community Association
Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Halsdon Ward Councillor
Tim Clatworthy	TC	Exmouth NP Project Administrator
Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Withycombe Ward Councillor

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Mark Williamson	MW	Champion of Neighbourhood Planning for East Devon, & Littleham Ward Councillor
Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Clerk
Rob Masding	RM	Transition Exmouth (TE), & Exmouth Town Ward Councillor
Rev. James Hutchings	JH	Churches Together
Pat Graham	PG	Exmouth Town Ward Councillor
Cherry Nicholas	CN	Exmouth Brixington Councillor

#### 2. NOTES OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 16th meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December were received as a correct record.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

a) MEETING DATES: Further NPSG meetings are listed under item 12.

b) EXMOUTH'S ECONOMY: RP to contact Angie Drummond to fill in while JT is away, and to invite Ian MacQueen to contribute. PS to inform RP of Rob Murray's availability. KB thought the report on Exmouth's economy by Professor Nigel Jump contained enough information for a good background to the chapter on Exmouth's economy, which pointed out that there was insufficient provision for Exmouth's youth in terms of job opportunities and vocational education and training. PS mentioned that there was now space becoming available at Camperdown for watersports and marine industries. KB agreed to produce an outline draft in consultation with RP.

#### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

LB had informed RP and IC that our grant application could be tendered in the next financial year (instead of in the current year) and that we were in line to qualify for the full £15,000. We would also have a clearer idea of upcoming costs by April. In discussing the costs of the referendum, RP advised that it should not be held at the same time as a major SES event.

#### 5. REPORTS FROM STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS (notes already circulated)

- SES: In discussing the notes of the meeting with SES, IC stressed that EDDC could not veto our proposed NP; they could only advise for and against aspects of it, and we should regard them as mentors.
- ACCESS STRATEGY: JP and JG to provide us with an update in early February. BB to report back to NPSG with an update on the Bapton Brook – Stoke Lyne – Hadrian's Way park, with a plan and map. KB said any new information arising from Access Strategy work would have to be fed back to the Wards before the DOP could be published.
- WELLBEING: The meeting was assured that St John's Court would not be moving to the Budleigh Salterton hub.

#### 6. COMMENTS FROM NPSG MEMBERS ON 'COMMUNITY ASSETS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN' (already circulated)

No comments or additions had been received from members. IC pointed out that there was a similar but longer list of town assets on the final page of the NP DOP Built Environment document, but that if anyone knew of other assets they were still welcome to add them via TC.

PS suggested that as we had lost Elizabeth Hall, the Pavilion could be thought a community hall, but BB considered that at £600 to hire this was a commercial venture, not a people's meeting place. KB remembered the contention around the demolition of Elizabeth Hall and pointed out that it was one thing to retain a building for its historical value, another for its use.

It was pointed out that we could not include as an asset any building which is owned by a private group. There was agreement that ETC should try to secure a community facility for this, the largest town in East Devon; ETC intends to produce a Town Action Plan and could work in partnership with NP to identify suitable locations/sites.

## **7. COMMENTS FROM NPSG ON THE NEW EDITIONS OF THE 3 DOP CHAPTERS PREVIOUSLY SEEN**

New editions had already been circulated. All members – including those not present at this meeting – are asked to please read these versions and send their comments to TC for consideration by DOP.

IC had marked on a map 3 suggested conservation areas within the town (attached). The first stage of the procedure to achieve these would be for ETC to approach EDDC with these suggestions.

RP explained that for the remaining 4 chapters to be written up, substantial material had already been collected. These are: **Housing; Economy & Employment; Getting About; Public Services & Community Facilities.**

### a) HOUSING:

#### *(i) General Issues:*

- Quantity and types of housing, including affordable housing;
- Presumption against development outside BUAB;
- Minimum standards of accommodation.

#### *(ii) Specific Issues:*

- Brownfield sites;
- Green open spaces to be retained;
- Use of accommodation over shops;
- Issues concerning conversion of shops into flats and the downsides of conversion of commercial properties into residential units.

### b) ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT:

- Economic plan needed to avoid Exmouth becoming a dormitory town;
- Making full use of commercial sites;
- Improved vocational training.

### c) GETTING ABOUT:

- Developing road infrastructure;
- Improving footpaths, cycle tracks and bridleways;
- Improvements to the A376;
- Avoiding rat-runs;
- Parking;
- Public transport and the ITI.

### d) PUBLIC SERVICES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

- Education: Need for additional/replacement accommodation;
- Health: Future of Exmouth Hospital; Use of St John's Court; provision of doctors' surgeries;
- Playing fields and Allotments;
- Shopping: Improving range, and more quality shops;
- Library and Museum services.

## **8. FEEDBACK FROM DOPG MEETING OF 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND DISCUSSION OF IC'S INTRODUCTION TO THE NP**

Both documents were distributed at the meeting. Members (both present and absent) to send in their thoughts on the proposed introduction to TC please.

## **9. PREPARATION FOR DRAFT OUTLINE PLAN SPRING EXHIBITION**

Due to the more flexible financial situation NP is now in (see 4 above) there was less need to identify specifics at this meeting. The Housing section of the DOP was briefly discussed and RP agreed to discuss this with MW and to involve PS in the drafting. More affordable housing was needed, with minimum standards of accommodation adhered to. More allotments were also needed as the long waiting list testified. It was commented that in our efforts to identify building land for the future, we had already consulted local landowners, and would now need to assess brownfield sites such as the old gas meter and Jewsons.

## **10. NP SURVEY REVIEW COMMENTS**

TC briefly praised the quality of expression and ideas in many of the original surveys, and encouraged members to take 100 with them to search for comments that could be used in outreach – e.g. at the exhibition – to stimulate reactions and discussion. Suggestions as to how particular comments or ideas from the surveys could be used to TC please.

**11. AOB**

a) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: IC reminded the meeting that we agreed to get Jill Elson to engage with the Community College at the time of the DOP exhibition, putting it up at the College.

b) SOCIAL MEDIA: Members are asked to provide 2 sentences about themselves for our NP website –e.g. any relevant skills/knowledge/experience that enables you to contribute to our NP, your own relationship with and knowledge of Exmouth. These will be amalgamated to show the breadth of experience and knowledge that NPSG members have as a group. If anyone is able to contribute some details for JT that would be most helpful.

**12. NEXT MEETINGS – please note earlier start time of 10.00AM**

All meetings on Wednesdays, 10.00am in ETC Meeting Room:

- February 15th
- March 15th
- April 12th
- May 10th
- June 14th
- July 19th

This meeting closed at 12.30pm.