

Exmouth Town Council

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Informal notes of the meeting held at 9.30am on Monday 30th September 2019
in the Chamber, Town Hall

1. Present

Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Brian Bailey (ex officio)	BB	Exmouth Town Councillor
Councillor Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
David Radford	DR	Exmouth Civic Society
Geoff Skinner	GS	Exmouth Community Association
Ian Cann	IC	Exmouth Civic Society
Jennifer Wellington	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Nick Christo	NC	East Devon District Council Street Scene
Rev. Simon Atkinson	SA	Churches Together
Roy Pryke	RTP	Exmouth Community Association
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together

Apologies

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Councillor
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Councillor

1. Welcome and apologies

Due to Councillor absences, this meeting was not quorate. Therefore the meeting proceeded on an informal basis.

2. Notes

The notes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2019 were noted but could not be approved due to the meeting not being quorate.

3. Matters Arising

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR had been amended following member's comments and was due to be put forward for approval at the October Full Council meeting.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

A draft Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Strategy had been written by Exmouth Town Council (ETC) and was due to be put forward for approval at a future Full Council meeting once Councillors have attended an upcoming Neighbourhood Plan training session. This training session is planned to take place on the 10th October and has been organised by East Devon District Council (EDDC). After this, ETC will provide some in-house training relating more specifically to the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan.

The Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group is in a draft stage, with roles identified rather than specific names.

5. Street Scene Update

NC provided the following update:

- The Tidal Defence Scheme is progressing slightly behind schedule, with the potential for the Imperial Recreation Ground playground to be shut for longer than planned due to delays in asbestos removal. Street Scene will be meeting with the contractors to discuss contingency plans for the winter, including allocations of responsibility if there is a flood risk.

Benches by the Imperial Recreation Ground are due to be put back to their original positions once works are completed. However, further clarification is needed. **NC to find out.**

DR added that the Sea Scouts and the contractors have a good working relationship and a new duct is due to be installed so that the Sea Scout Hut can be connected to mains power in the future when the Sea Scouts' funds allow.

IC also added that, through the Exmouth Civic Society and the Exmouth Historical and Archaeological Society, he has been in talks with the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the removal and reinstallation of the Victorian bollards at the junction of Morton Crescent and Alexandria Terrace. The planned Tidal Defence works here would see the current road island incorporated into the pedestrianised area and the bollards moved from their current, original position. Although this area needs to be improved, thought needs to be given to the historical assets here. **CJ to email the EA to ask for more details on the reason/s behind moving these bollards.**

- The flower beds across the town are being replanted with winter bedding and the gardener timetable is to be reviewed for next year. CJ added that the blue flower towers are owned by ETC and will also be planted with winter bedding, week commencing the 7th October 2019. The flower tower currently situated outside of Tower Street Methodist Church is to be removed and repositioned in the Strand, near the TSB Bank, to allow a Poppy Appeal Project to be displayed.
- As the winter season has now started, Street Scene seasonal staff contracts have now ended and the public toilets at Orcombe Point and Maer Road are now closed.
- EDDC were recently awarded a Government Community Grant which has allowed them to buy an electric sweeper to help with community clean-up events. This machine is shared across the district on a request basis.
- On-street general waste is taken to the Energy from Waste facility in Exeter. However, on-street recycling is taken to the MVV facility in Plymouth where the waste can be separated more efficiently for recycling. Due to high levels of contamination, the Greendale Depot cannot sort and recycle this waste as efficiently.
- The flower beds in the Magnolia Centre are almost complete with palms due to be planted soon. New benches are to be installed.
The clock is an ongoing issue, but NC is working towards a long-term resolution.

6. Definitive Map Review for Exmouth

A meeting was held on 2nd September 2019 which opened the review process for Public Rights of Way (PROW) in Exmouth. Members were advised to make the PROW Officer at

Devon County Council (DCC) aware of any paths which should be classed as a PROW or paths that should be removed as a PROW by the end of October 2019. Forms are available from the ETC Office Manager from the 14th October 2019.

ETC has a PROW Working Party that has been made aware of the section within the Neighbourhood Plan that concerns PROWs.

7. Update on WEB Health and Wellbeing

DP was not present at the meeting to provide an update. However, CJ explained how ETC worked closely with WEB through DP attending their meetings and updating on any concerns and vice-versa. Members were asked to submit any concerns to CJ to be forwarded to DP.

Members were made aware that the Health and Wellbeing Hub, also referred to as the Budleigh Hub, in Budleigh Salterton provides services to those living in Woodbury, Exmouth and Budleigh.

CJ also made members aware that there are plans to add a Health and Wellbeing section to the ETC website.

IC to provide CJ details of the services available at St. John's Court Mental Health facility.

8. Agenda items requested by members

Blenny Bay name origin

Members queried where the name Blenny Bay came from as many of the long-standing Exmouth residents did not know this name and were worried about the possible implications of emergency services not knowing where they were. It was confirmed that Blenny Bay was mentioned on an Ordnance Survey map from over 100 years ago and the emergency services use the grid references on location signs to pinpoint the location of an emergency, not the area name.

NC will circulate the Ordnance Survey map showing Blenny Bay.

Tower Street Bins

No update had been given by DCC, but OD was made aware of this issue and to raise with the EDDC Planning Authority as an example of issues caused if applications do not allow for adequate bin provisions.

Warren View Site

The plans to develop the Warren View Site, historically a landfill site but used as football pitches in recent years, into a sports hub had fallen through and the site had been given back to EDDC Property Services to remarket. NC explained how he is currently using the site to take pressure away other EDDC pitches that are hired out to football clubs, especially the Withycombe Common pitches.

Queen's Drive Update

The focus of regeneration in Exmouth has been placed mainly on completing the Queen's Drive project.

Therefore, the previous Exmouth Regeneration Board has been combined with the

Regeneration Project Executive to work towards completing the Queen's Drive Project. As a member of this 'new' committee, AB will keep COLP members updated of any progress.

Parking Enforcement

Members raised concerns of a lack of enforcement of motorhome parking at Belcher Slipway, the Esplanade and Bath Road, by The Bath House.

NC confirmed that the Belcher Slipway is EDDC owned so will raise the concerns with the EDDC Parking Team. CJ to raise concern with Exmouth DCC Highways for the other areas and ask how often these areas are checked.

Additionally, the ETC Campervan Task and Finish Forum (TAFF) is to be reviewed and potentially reinstated after the two-year motorhome parking trial.

TS raised concerns regarding a towed caravan that appears to be abandoned and in disrepair in Pound Lane. He was advised to speak with DCC Councillor Richard Scott.

Greater Exeter Plan

Through online research, it appeared that the Greater Exeter Plan is being worked on but is not yet in a consultation stage with no proposed consultation date at present.

Advance notice of Churches Together December event

TS made members aware of a Big Sing event that is being organised by Churches Together to take place in conjunction with the ETC Christmas Fayre on the 6th December 2019.

AOB

Fire Service Public Consultation

Members were asked to note the ETC response to the Fire Service Consultation.

Exmouth Christmas Fayre

Members were asked to note that the ETC Exmouth Christmas Fayre is to take place on the 6th December from 3-8pm. If any organisations would like a stall, application forms are available from ETC Reception.

Climate Change TAFF

Members were asked to note that ETC has set-up a Climate Change TAFF and is working closely with Transition Exmouth to gather evidence from local organisations regarding the Climate Emergency.

Transition Exmouth will be attending COLP on an ad-hoc basis.

Pebblebed Heath Visitor Management Plan

CJ to circulate information regarding a meeting to be held on the 10th October 2019 at Exmouth Town Hall to gather views on the Pebblebed Heath which will form part of the Visitor Management Plan.

Thank you

As it was RTP's last COLP meeting as representative of the Exmouth Community Association, COLP members expressed their thanks for his input into the meetings as well as for his hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Dates of future meetings (Chamber Room at 9.30am unless otherwise stated):

28th October – 2020 dates to be reviewed.

25th November

The meeting finished at 11.25am

Outstanding Street Scene actions:

- **Action:** SK to chase PB regarding the litter picking boards as requested by PS.
- **Action:** SK to investigate options for wooden barriers at the Imperial Recreation Ground.