

Exmouth Town Council

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Notes of the meeting held at 9.30am on Monday 28th October 2019
in the Chamber, Town Hall

1. Present

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Councillor
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
David Radford	DR	Exmouth Civic Society
Jennifer Wellington	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Keith Bungay	KB	Exmouth Community Association
Roma Patten	RP	Exmouth Community Association
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together

Apologies

Councillor Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council Councillor
Geoff Skinner	GS	Exmouth Community Association
Rev. Simon Atkinson	SA	Churches Together
Ian Cann	IC	Exmouth Civic Society
Nick Christo	NC	East Devon District Council Street Scene
Simon Kennedy	SK	East Devon District Council Street Scene
Peter Blyth	PB	East Devon District Council Beach Officer
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Councillor

1. Welcome and apologies

DP welcomed members to the meeting and suggested a Vice-Chair be elected. DP nominated AB and, although this was seconded by FC, AB suggested PS as an alternative and, in the interim, no voting took place.

2. Notes

The notes of the meeting held on the 30th September 2019 were informal due to the meeting not being quorate but were noted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

CJ confirmed that she, IC and some Town Councillors had attended a seminar organised by East Devon District Council (EDDC). The seminar was to inform attendees about the benefits and use of Neighbourhood Plans generally and their effects on planning policies.

At this seminar, development of the Local Plan and the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan, which Exmouth is likely to be affected by, has been delayed. Although still in its initial stages, the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan has identified the need for more large-scale housing developments (500+ homes) across the Greater Exeter area.

ETC is likely to be consulted on this Plan in 12 months' time with the Plan intending to be approved by approximately 2023.

It is likely that EDDC can then update its own Local Plan, approximately 12 months afterwards. ETC will also need to review its Neighbourhood Plan to be in line with the Local and Greater Exeter Plans.

Members were reminded that the next training session for Councillors, specifically on Exmouth's Neighbourhood Plan, is due to take place on the 4th November 2019.

Once this second session has taken place, the draft Implementation Strategy for Exmouth's Neighbourhood Plan will be added to the Town Council agenda for approval.

5. Street Scene Update

Unfortunately a report from Street Scene was unavailable. However, CJ confirmed repair work at Gunfield Gardens was progressing well. The broken fencing/railings were being replaced.

In addition to this work, the gardens which had been neglected for some time, were being cleared. Concern was raised about the standard and wondered if it would be more beneficial to remove the larger flower beds and lay lawns instead which will be easier to maintain. FC suggested that some could be created into wildlife gardens.

Action: CJ to speak to Tim Dafforn (Wild Exmouth, EDDC) and Street Scene to ask about the possibilities of wildflower beds rather than the current bedding at Gunfield Gardens.

A new flagpole for the red flag is to be installed once the Tidal Defence Scheme work had been completed at Mamhead Slipway.

EDDC are considering community mural projects with local schools along the wall of the sheltered seating on the beach, by Beach Gardens, to help reduce the amount of graffiti in this area.

Work has been progressing well around the seating area in the Magnolia Centre.

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.
- **Action:** NC to find out if the benches by the Imperial Recreation Ground are due to be put back to their original positions once works are completed.

6. COLP links to other Exmouth Town Council Working Parties

Information on work being carried out by the many other working parties of ETC was provided as this closely worked with the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Strategy.

Exmouth Transport Partnership (ETP): RP confirmed that she had spoken with Stagecoach regarding the outstanding issues raised at ETP. She also added that train timetables were changing in December 2019 meaning that Exmouth is likely to lose some connections to London and a direct service to Barnstaple. However, more carriages are being used on a regular basis.

ETC has applied for a CCIF grant to improve the area around the train station and are awaiting the results of the application.

Public Rights of Way (PROW): Exmouth is currently undergoing a Definitive Map Review of the area, giving the opportunity to record all PROWs.

Action: ETC have a vacancy for a PROW co-ordinator for this Working Party. Anyone interested was asked to contact CJ.

Plastic Reduction Working Party (PRWP): On-street recycling bins have been installed in the Magnolia Centre and the PRWP is planning on conducting a waste audit to see how well these bins are being used.

Reducing single-use plastic in Exmouth is an important goal of this Working Party, with a focus on single-use plastic water bottles. Helping to promote the Refill campaign and utilising existing water supplies in Exmouth are ways PRWP are working towards this goal.

Section 106 & Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Working Party: The EDDC £300,000 Sports Project proposals consultation has now ended. EDDC are working through the ideas submitted with ETC and the chosen ideas will be put to a public consultation.

Community Resilience Working Party (CRWP): An Emergency Plan is currently being worked on with an Emergency Response Volunteer meeting due to take place on the 21st November 2019.

Action: Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer was asked to contact CJ.

Christmas and Festoon Lights Working Party: The Christmas Tree in the Strand is due to be installed mid-November, with the lights planned to be turned on during the Exmouth Christmas Fayre on the 6th December. The lights in the town will be installed and turned on before this date.

7. Update on WEB Health and Wellbeing

Members were made aware of a Youth Fayre that was organised by WEB. Information regarding this event had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

CJ added that the Exmouth Community Fund is now live and information regarding this grant can be found on the ETC website.

8. Devon County Council Community Insight Survey

Members were made aware of the Community Insight Survey being run by DCC and were encouraged to take part. Information about the survey and a link to the survey itself had been circulated with the agenda.

8. Agenda items requested by members

Tower Street Bins

CJ has been in contact with the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer for Exmouth to discuss the ongoing bin issue at the top of Tower Street. The Highway Officer felt these bins were not causing an obstruction and would not be taking further action.

In hindsight, the development of the flats/houses in this area should have considered bin provisions.

Action: ETC has made OD (EDDC and ETC Councillor) aware of these concerns.

AB raised concerns on the amount of cigarette ends on the pavement by the pubs and who's responsibility this is to clear.

Action: AB to contact the pubs regarding this littering issue.

Update on temporary café at Orcombe Point

No further information could be provided about the temporary café at Orcombe Point, which is currently within its three-year lease. CJ confirmed that EDDC would not normally consult or inform ETC on such matters.

Transition Exmouth Networking Event

Members were made aware of the Transition Exmouth Networking Event due to take place on the 7th November.

Action: CJ to circulate the event information.

AOB

Youth Forum

A new Youth Forum has been established with the help of VOYC Devon (Voluntary Organisation for Young People and Children), bringing together representatives of youth groups and ETC are an active member of this forum.

The Littleham Youth Club has been set-up and is due to open soon, thanks to the hard work of BB, AB and DP.

Community Transport

Members were made aware of the Community Transport service and that leaflets were available with information and costs.

Queen's Drive Update

There will be two public consultations held at Ocean on the 13th and 14th November to consider the latest plans by Wayne Hemingway (Hemingway Design).

Members queried the timings and content of these meetings and it was suggested that concerns be raised at the next Full Council meeting on the 11th November.

Other Matters

PS has been researching on the use of beach wheelchairs enabling wheelchair users' better access to the beach and the sea. The project will include buying specialist wheelchairs and constructing a building to store them in. The project will be presented to the Town Council for approval.

2020 Dates

Going forward, members were asked to confirm if they were happy to continue meeting on a Monday at 9.30am.

Dates for 2020 to be discussed at the next meeting.

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

25th November – 2020 dates to be reviewed.

The meeting finished at 11.11am