

Exmouth Town Council

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Notes of the meeting held at 9.30am on Monday 6th January 2020
in the Chamber, Town Hall

1. Present

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Brian Bailey (ex officio)	BB	Exmouth Town Councillor
Councillor Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Councillor
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Councillor
Adrian Toole	AT	Transition Exmouth
Chetna Jones	CJ	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
Keith Bungay	KB	Exmouth Community Association
Rev. Simon Atkinson	SA	Churches Together

Apologies

Nick Christo	NC	East Devon District Council Street Scene
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together

1. Welcome and apologies

DP welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Notes

The notes of the meeting held on the 25th November 2019 were noted.

3. Matters Arising

Graffiti

The offensive graffiti that was written on the beach shelters has been removed, however graffiti in this area remains an ongoing problem.

CJ informed members of a project between Exmouth primary schools and the Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton. Although in its preliminary stages, this project aims to create sealed murals to help improve the area. An update on this project will be given when available.

Public Space Protection Orders – Control of Dogs

It was resolved at the Town Council meeting on the 9th December 2019 that the Town Council supports the motion proposed by COLP and requests that East Devon District Council extends the beach dog ban area to low tide, thereby removing the current loophole.

Blenny Bay

The action for Street Scene to send the Ordnance Survey Map showing the location of Blenny Bay to members is still outstanding and it was agreed that this item be transferred to the next agenda.

Further outstanding Street Scene actions – an update is required by the next meeting:

- **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.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Strategy

Exmouth Town Council (ETC) are continuing to work in line with the strategy.

Plans to create an historical asset register and tree protection register were discussed. ETC, through the planning administrator, will be inviting Exmouth Civic Society to assist with the development of the historical asset register and Transition Exmouth on the tree protection register, with Wild Exmouth possibly being able to offer some support.

Members were advised that legal guidelines were available to assist and the registers would need to be approved by East Devon District Council (EDDC).

Office staff at ETC will be able to provide administrative support for these projects which will include adding the assets to ETC's mapping system. This mapping layer can potentially be imported onto EDDC's mapping system allowing them to be used by EDDC as well. The completed registers will form part of the appendices to the Neighbourhood Plan when it is next reviewed.

5. Street Scene Update

No one from Street Scene was present. However CJ updated members that there have been some staff changes at EDDC, including NC's new role which will involve him working across the district.

Action: CJ to contact EDDC to request a report on these changes, in particular the effects on Exmouth, at a future Town Council meeting.

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.

Climate Change Task and Finish Forum (TAFF): One of the recommendations of the Climate Change TAFF was for ETC to create a Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party, which would incorporate the current Plastic Reduction Working Party (terms of reference and membership to be determined separately). This recommendation was resolved at the Town Council meeting held on the 9th December 2019.

AT also wished to express his thanks for the work done by the Climate Change TAFF, in collaboration with Transition Exmouth.

Plastic Reductions Working Party (PRWP): Further to the resolved recommendation to create a new Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party, the PRWP will continue to run until the new working party has been fully established. This is to ensure no loss of momentum of the work currently being undertaken by the PRWP, including working with

EDDC to install infographics to the on-street recycling bins to help collect a better quality of recycling and to achieve the Plastic-Free Community Surfer's Against Sewage accreditation.

Also resolved at the Town Council meeting in December was to install up to four water bottle filling stations around the town.

BB arranged to meet with some of the science teachers at Exmouth Community College to ask whether any students would be interested in attending relevant working parties involved with Climate Change.

Exmouth Transport Partnership (ETP): The application for a grant previously applied for by ETP is still being considered and TD will update members when feedback has been received.

IC asked for an update on whether any electric car charging points have been installed at the Maer Road car park.

Action: CJ to contact Andrew Ennis (EDDC) to ask for an update on behalf of COLP members.

Festival and Events Working Party: The ETC Christmas Fayre held on the 6th December 2019 appeared to have been successful with lots of positive feedback. However, it was noted that the firework display could have been brought forward to allow for more people with younger children to attend.

7. Agenda items requested by members

ECS – Planning application at site of Redgate and land at Tesco Salterton Road, Exmouth (19/2710/MFUL)

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting – see section 10.

8. Any Other Business

CCTV

No further update was provided regarding ETC's take-over of the town's CCTV from EDDC. The Town Clerk has been working on this project and will continue to chase the relevant authorities for an update.

Recycling bins

Members were informed that kerbside recycling gets collected and sent to processing plants for recycling across the UK, and occasionally Europe or Asia (more information can be found on EDDC's website, 'Where does my recycling end up?'). Tetrapaks are collected alongside plastics. Further down the line, the Tetrapaks are to be sent to ACE UK in Halifax.

Recycling will only be disposed of if considered contaminated. Residual waste collected at the kerbside or removed from recycling by EDDC, prior to being sent to other counties, is sent to the Energy from Waste Plant in Exeter for incineration.

On-street general waste bins are emptied by Street Scene operatives and the waste collected is taken to the Camperdown Depot and put into mixed waste skips. From here, the waste is taken to the Energy from Waste plant in Exeter to be incinerated.

On-street mixed recycling bins are emptied by Street Scene operatives and taken to the Camperdown Depot. From here they are collected and taken to the Materials Reclamation

Facility (MRF) in Kenton. Street Scene do not sort the recycling, unless there is anything unwanted that can be easily removed. Operatives at the MRF manually sort through the mixed recycling and separate out the different materials. If, however, items are contaminated everything is discarded.

Non-contaminated materials are sent on to companies in the UK or the EU for recycling.

TD updated members on the Waste Audits undertaken by members of the PRWP hence the action to introduce better signage at public recycling bins.

Waste bins

Members discussed the issues of the lack of residential bin storage provisions in some areas of the town and how this can be improved. The visible bins can look unsightly and the idea of neighbourhood/communal bins were discussed. Additionally, the way waste is managed in Spain and France through communal bins, and stopping individual household waste collections completely, were also discussed.

Action: TD to take the ideas to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party.

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

3rd February

30th March

18th May

22nd June

20th July

17th August

28th September

26th October

23rd November

10. Matter deferred from earlier

ECS – Planning application at site of Redgate and land at Tesco Salterton Road, Exmouth (19/2710/MFUL)

As members of ETC's Planning Committee, BB, TD and FC all declared a personal interest in this agenda item.

IC explained to members that the land relating to 19/2710/MFUL had been allocated as employment land in both the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan and EDDC's Local Plan and that he felt this planning application was contrary to this use.

It was agreed that the Chairman DP represents COLP and will speak about the deep unease that was felt against this application as it was directly against policies EE3 in the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan and Strategy 32 in the EDDC Local Plan.

The meeting finished at 11.40am.