

Exmouth Town Council

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Notes of the meeting held at 9.30am on Monday 3rd February 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
Jennifer Wellington	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Roma Patten	RP	Exmouth Community Association
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together

Apologies

Nick Christo	NC	East Devon District Council Street Scene
Ian Cann	IC	Exmouth Civic Society
Keith Bungay	KB	Exmouth Community Association
Rev. Simon Atkinson	SA	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 6th January 2020 were noted.

3. Matters Arising

East Devon District Council (EDDC) staff structure changes

CJ confirmed that although NC has taken a broader role within DDC, managing both Street Scene East and West, there should be no adverse effects to the work undertaken in Exmouth and there are no plans which will affect the Camperdown Depot.

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.
- **Action: NC** to provide Ordnance Survey maps identifying Blenny Bay.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Strategy

Exmouth Town Council's (ETC) working parties are working in line with the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan Strategy, with many planning policies being utilised by the Planning Committee on recent planning applications.

Public Rights of Way: Action GA12: *For the improvement of the cycle and footway network across the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan Area to be an ETC strategic infrastructure priority project*, is to be put on the agenda to be looked at more thoroughly at the next meeting.

Waterfront Working Party: CJ had previously 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. A representative from the Thelma Hulbert Gallery will be giving a presentation on this project at the next Waterfront meeting on the 3rd March 2020. However, EDDC have not given an indication as to when this project will commence. Street Scene is ready to go with anti-graffiti paint to help protect the murals.

Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party: Although slightly behind, work on the flood defence scheme along the seafront is progressing to the schedule set-out in Kier's newsletter.

South West Water announced a five-year plan to improve two pumping stations in Exmouth: one in Phear Park and one on the Maer. The improvements would focus on infiltration and storm damage. The previous work completed on the Phear Park pumping station was unrelated.

Section 106 and CIL Working Party: The working party has met and is creating a definitive list of the eligible sports projects. Once complete, this list will go out to public consultation to decide which project/s will receive the funding.

Exmouth Transport Partnership (ETP): Andrew Ennis, EDDC Service Lead for Environmental Health and Car Parks, is due to attend the next ETP meeting, on the 4th February 2020, to further explain the plans to install electric car charging points in Exmouth. Members had been forwarded an emailed response from him regarding this issue, but it was hoped that he may provide further detail at the ETP meeting.

Members were also made aware that there is a project being led by Devon County Council (DCC) in partnership with the district councils across Devon to install at least 25 electric vehicle charge points for public use in car parks across the county. The Imperial Road car park in Exmouth is due to have four rapid (minimum 20kW) charge points for two car parking bays installed during 2020/21. More details are available on both DCC and EDDC's websites.

Stagecoach have announced another public consultation on their services. The Exmouth to Exeter 57 bus appears to have no particular plan to change through this consultation but there is the potential for timetable changes due to the delays caused by traffic in and out of Exeter. These uncertainties are hoped to be clarified at the meeting on the 4th February.

An Active Travel Day, organised by Transition Exmouth and Exmouth Town Councillor Olly Davey, is due to take place on the 18th April 2020. It is hoped this event will encourage more people to use environmentally friendly modes of transport such as bikes or public transport by promoting what is available in Exmouth.

5. Street Scene Update

No one from Street Scene was present. NC to be asked to send an alternative if and when he is unable to attend.

6. Beach Wheelchair Project

PS updated members that around £14,240 had been raised so far for the Beach Wheelchair Project, out of the £20,000 total required before the deadline of the 14th February 2020. She was still waiting to hear from DCC in relation to a grant as well as other grant applications from local trust funds.

If the money can be raised by the 14th February, it is expected that the project will be in place by May 2020. The area allocated for the storage container is on EDDC land near to the RNLI Lifeboat Station.

7. Exmouth Community Fund update

The closing date for applications for the Exmouth Community Fund was the 27th January 2020. A total of 19 applications were received, of which some were deemed ineligible and pointed in the direction of other grants.

Those applicants eligible have been invited to a Dragons' Den event on the 20th February 2020 to pitch their ideas and network with the other applicants.

Each applicant will give a short presentation on their project and then the audience, consisting of members of the local community, will vote for their favourite applications. The money will be spilt according to the vote.

8. Update from Town Council working parties and outside body representatives

An update on ETC's working parties was provided in section 4.

WEB Board update: an all agency project in Littleham is being developed in an attempt to reduce the level of deprivation in this area. A similar project ran in 2019 which helped primary school children, their parents and families as well as local authorities learn new skills and information through workshops.

It was hoped that by mentioning this new project, if anything similar was happening in Exmouth or if there were any organisations which could be signposted to through this project, members could make this known.

DP and CJ attended the Youth Forum on 27th January 2020 where similar deprivation issues were highlighted across many of the youth groups.

DP hoped that a presentation on Fuel Poverty will be given at the next COLP meeting.

AT added that Transition Exmouth will be holding an Energy Clinic at Glenorchy Church on the 27th February from 4pm – 9pm.

TS added that two Admiral Nurses that were employed temporarily to help with Dementia care were proving very popular and it is hoped that in the future these positions can be made more permanent.

It is also hoped that Exmouth Hospital is utilised more, especially for treatments such as chemotherapy. Around 70 people per week travel from Exmouth to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in Exeter for this treatment.

Transition Exmouth: Unfortunately, the Lottery Funding application submitted by Transition Exmouth for the creation of an Eco-friendly Hub in Exmouth was not successful so there are plans to look for alternative funding.

The Orchard planting event at the Exeter Road entrance of the path that leads to the Exe Estuary Trail and at Point-in-View Church on the 2nd February 2020 was well attended with around 24 trees planted.

The next Green Drinks event on the 6th February 2020 at Sundowners, 15 Strand, will feature a talk on MVV Environment Devonport Ltd.

9. Agenda items requested by members

VE Day Celebration

TS brought to COLP member's attention that the Royal British Legion plans to organise a parade for VE Day and requested that the Town Council assist with organising an afternoon event such as a street party after the parade.

CJ explained that, although not present at the recent Festival and Events Working Party where this matter was discussed, it was her understanding that due to ETC's commitment to organising the Exmouth Festival, a four-day event over the second May Bank Holiday, there was insufficient capacity to deliver another event in the same month.

DP will investigate this further and report back to TS.

Marketing of employment land and the McCarthy and Stone planning application

Prompted by the second application for a McCarthy and Stone residential development on the allocated employment land next to Tesco on Salterton Road, GS asked about whether this can be marketed to determine the interest and scope. It appeared that finding out information about this land, although technically for sale, is extremely challenging.

DR added that, although anyone can apply for planning permission multiple times, if the application is submitted again without any amendments the Planning Authority are able to refuse to accept the application.

The Chairman encouraged community organisations to make their comments known at the EDDC Planning meetings.

Mapping software for tree and heritage maps

CJ confirmed that ETC will contact the EDDC Tree Officer and consult with him regarding the methodology to be used to list trees.

Any proposed mapping software will need to be accessible to the general public.

10. Any Other Business

CCTV

BB confirmed that a former MET Police Officer had been tasked to work on the CCTV collaborative working project a few days a week and will be meeting with the Town Clerk to discuss future options.

Councillor Surgeries

TD reminded members of the Town Ward's cross-party Councillor surgeries that are currently being held. FC also made members aware of the surgery he holds for the Withycombe Ward.

Email issues

RP advised that her ECA email address is intermittent and provided an alternative email address to be used instead.

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

30th March

18th May

22nd June

20th July

17th August

28th September

26th October

23rd November

The meeting finished at 11am.