

Exmouth Town Council
Plastic Reduction Working Party

Notes of meeting held at 7pm on 9th September 2019
in the Council Chamber, Exmouth Town Hall

Present

Alex Sadiq	AS	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Aurora Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council
Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council (Ex-Officio)
Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Ian Kirvan	IK	Exmouth Town Council
Joe Whibley	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Michael Rosser	MR	Exmouth Town Council
Tony Woodward	TW	Exmouth Town Council
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council (Officer)
Jennifer Wellington	JWe	Exmouth Town Council (Note-taker)

Apologies

Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Paul Millar	PM	Exmouth Town Council
Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were given as above.

2. Previous Notes

FC proposed, seconded by TW that the notes from the meeting held on the 23rd July 2019 be approved.

3. Matters Arising from previous notes

Outstanding Actions:

Description of Action	Update 09/09/19	By
To invite George Nightingale and Ollie Bainbridge to next meeting to discuss steps taken to reduce waste in their businesses.	Action to be carried forward to the next meeting.	BB
Additionally, it was suggested to also invite the owner of the Proper Fish and Chip Company, and winner of the Environmental Impact Award, to a future meeting to discuss steps taken to reduce their waste.	Action to be carried forward to the next meeting as SG was not present to give an update.	SG
Adrian Toole to be invited to attend the meetings	AGM of Transition Exmouth is to be held in the coming week, so action carried forward to the next meeting.	MR

<p>Contact Haven Holiday Park and Ladram Bay to discuss their recycling and environmental policies.</p> <p>The Anaerobic Digestion plant at Greendale was discussed in relation to commercial recycling and waste facilities and it was suggested that PRWP investigate what happens to the waste here.</p>	<p>Recycling bins are available on both sites as well participation in local bean cleans.</p> <p>Action to be carried forward to as SG was not present at the meeting.</p> <p>In addition, TW updated the group on EDDC's kerbside waste collections. Members to be forwarded this information.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>SG</p> <p>CJ/JWe</p>
<p>Contact Exmouth Pride to determine if licencing imposed any conditions regarding plastic or waste.</p>	<p>CJ has had some correspondence from the organisers of Exmouth Pride. Going forward, clause in EDDC's Licencing forms will cover plastic and waste (as confirmed by JW).</p>	<p>No further action</p>
<p>In-house recycling and waste collection audit, including crisps and confectionery</p>	<p>Further to investigation, Devon County Council cannot take on a further bin to collect crisp and confectionery packets. Exmouth Town Council (ETC) can create their own collection for staff and collected materials can be taken to another, official collection point for pick-up. A poster of the scheme and a list of collection points in Exmouth to be circulated to members.</p> <p>To encourage pubs to have a bin in their premises.</p>	<p>JWe</p> <p>BB</p>
<p>Contact South West Water (SWW) to investigate the installation of water fountains/water bottle refill points</p>	<p>MR updated members that he has been in contact with SWW as well as Andrew Ennis at EDDC. SWW confirmed that it would be the Council's responsibility most probably EDDC as potential landowner) for installing the water fountain/bottle refill point, including the pipework. Andrew Ennis confirmed that there is currently no funding available to install a water fountain/bottle refill point.</p> <p>A meeting with MR, JWe (as Refill Devon Co-ordinator), Andrew Ennis and Nick Christo (EDDC Street Scene) to be organised to discuss any other possibilities.</p> <p>Suggestion of ETC producing reusable bottles to help encourage the use of Refill Stations and water fountain/bottle refill points. A potential link with Exmouth Festival 2020 was suggested.</p> <p>Possible suggestion to link with the EDDC Public Health Strategy – action carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>CJ/JWe</p> <p>PM/CJ</p>

Carry out another audit of waste from Magnolia Centre and Strand	<i>Discussed later in the agenda.</i>	AS
Liaison with Schools	<p>Action to be carried to the next meeting as OD was not present to give an update.</p> <p>Additionally, ETC has organised a primary school's conference on 'Protecting the Environment', due to take place at Ocean on the 25th September 2019. The day will consist of various workshops covering climate change, pollution, plastic reduction and lots more. Councillor invitation to this event to be added to the weekly Information Bulletin.</p>	OD CJ
Refill	<p>MR updated members on work he has done throughout Exmouth, which included checking all Refill Stations on app were up to date.</p> <p>The Tourist Information Service is now a Refill Station. Tourist Information Volunteers to be made aware of the Stations in Exmouth so they can let visitors know. Possibility to include links on the ETC website to be investigated.</p> <p>Currently, there are Refill Devon posters displayed in ETC's Magnolia Kiosk and ETC reception. A more 'Exmouth-specific' poster to advertise Refill to be investigated.</p> <p>A roadshow-type event to promote Refill and other waste reducing campaigns was also suggested and will be considered – no further update was given.</p> <p>Possibility of water fountain/bottle filling points to be investigated (<i>as discussed in the SWW action</i>).</p>	MR JWe JWe
Recycling video	To update on correspondence with a local video company that had been in contact regarding producing a short promotional video relating to the waste and recycling in Exmouth.	AS
Waste reducing website	Circulate link to website which gives waste reducing tips	JW

4. Priorities of Working Party, in line with the Terms of Reference (ToR)

The group discussed the current priorities of the Working Party and agreed, as a good starting point and in line with the ToR, to include:

- Achieve Surfers Against Sewage accreditation
- Focus on improving the street waste recycling in public bins
- Investigate possibilities of installing water fountain/water bottle filling stations
- Investigate possibilities of installing a sculpture which visually shows the impact of waste
- Current campaigns, schemes and ideas members may wish to share.

These ideas will be included as standard agenda items until action has been met i.e. sculpture is installed.

5. Update on ongoing items

Waste Audit

Two public recycling bins have been installed in the Magnolia Centre, in addition to the general waste bins already there. As these bins are poorly labelled, another waste audit including these new recycling bins may show some interesting findings. The data collected through these audits could be provided as evidence to help shape EDDC's public waste policies to increase the amount of waste collected that can be recycled. EDDC Street Scene were in support of improving the street waste recycling rate.

Action: AS to contact EDDC Street Scene to organise another Waste Audit.

The Greendale recycling facility was raised as a potential facility to sort and recycle public bin waste.

Action: BB to provide CJ with contact details of the manager of Greendale so that they can be contacted for further information and potentially invited to a future meeting, along with EDDC Street Scene.

Surfers Against Sewage

AS provided an update on behalf of TD confirming that the Exmouth Transport Partnership Group has applied for funding to improve the Train Station area. If approved for funding, there may be scope to install a water fountain/bottle filling point in the area.

Fish Sculpture

JW confirmed that planning permission would need to be applied for to install a sculpture but that Chris Rose in the EDDC Planning West Team is keen on the idea and is happy to liaise between ETC and EDDC Planning.

TW added that Charlie Plowden from the EDDC Countryside Team has asked for ideas for a community project to be completed in 2020.

Action: JW to contact Charlie Plowden to find out if this sculpture could be considered and update members as and when information is available.

If this idea is not considered for the EDDC Countryside Team's project, members to come up with some ideas for locations and funding options for the next meeting.

AOB

Zero-waste shops

MR suggested inviting the owner of two zero-waste shops to explain how they work. To be considered for a future meeting.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28th October at 19.15.

Meeting finished at 20.15.