

Exmouth Town Council
Plastic Reduction Working Party

Notes of meeting held at 19.15pm on 13th June 2019
in the Exmouth Town Council Meeting Room, Town Hall

Present

Alex Sadiq	AS	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Aurora Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council
Joe Whibley	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council
Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Paul Millar	PM	Exmouth Town Council
Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Michael Rosser	MR	Exmouth Town Council
Tony Woodward	TW	Exmouth Town Council

Also present

Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council (Officer)
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Apologies

Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Ian Kirvan	IK	Exmouth Town Council
Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council (Ex-Officio)

Election of Chairman

Members were invited to submit their nominations. Councillor T Dumper proposed, seconded by Councillor F Cullis that Councillor A Sadiq be nominated as Chairperson. No further nominations were received. Following the nomination, a vote was taken and Councillor A Sadiq was duly elected as Chairperson of the working party.

Apologies

Apologies were given as above.

Welcome

The newly-elected Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting. A brief synopsis of the role of the working party was provided and the 4 main strands being considered were highlighted as:

1. Surfers against Sewage Accreditation
2. Within the Town Council
3. Local Businesses
4. Local schools

Terms of Reference

As the terms of reference had not been circulated with the agenda it was agreed that these will be circulated and noted by all members.

Previous Notes

The previous notes from the 18th March 2019 were reviewed and it was agreed that the actions from these be allocated to the current members.

Matters Arising from previous notes

Outstanding Actions:

Description of Action	By
George Nightingale and Ollie Bainbridge to be invited to a future meeting to highlight steps taken to reduce plastic and other waste within their business	AB
Adrian Toole to be invited to attend the meetings – postponed to September	MR
Contact Haven Holiday Park and Ladram Bay to discuss their recycling and environmental policies. CJ to provide contact details.	AS
Contact EDDC Licensing with the possibility of adding restrictions to reduce use of single-use plastic.	JW
Contact Exmouth Pride to determine if licensing imposed any conditions regarding plastic or waste.	CJ
In-house recycling and waste collection audit	SG
Contact EDDC regarding recycling bins for crisps and confectionery	SG
Contact SWW to investigate the installation of water fountains	PM
EDDC Recycling and waste collection information to be circulated to all members	JW
Carry out another audit of waste from Magnolia Centre and Strand	AS
Liaison with Schools	OD
Continue work with Refill & Water Fountains	MR
Investigate the Use of a FISH sculpture for collecting plastic waste	JW

Chamber of Commerce Business Award

The environmental award was presented to The Proper Fish and Chips Company at the recent Awards ceremony.

Surfers against Sewage Community Accreditation

AS confirmed that to date 12 businesses had demonstrated how they had reduced plastic waste within their business and more to follow.

To date 3 community events had been organised including a beach clean on 18th June involving 3 local primary schools as well as educational programmes.

In addition, over 70% of learning establishments were taking steps to reduce use of plastics and included the Community College enrolling in the zero to landfill waste scheme.

With preparations in hand to work towards obtaining accreditation the working group reviewed the additional objectives still outstanding and agreed recommendations to be approved by the Town Council.

It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk will draft a Single-Use Plastic Policy for the Town Council which will be circulated to all members to review. Responses will need to be sent to the Deputy Town Clerk no later than 1st July to ensure that the policy as well as the notes and recommendation can be added to the Agenda for the Town Council meeting dated 8th July 2019.

Recommendation

Councillor M Rosser proposed, seconded by Councillor P Millar that the working party recommends that the Town Council:

- Reviews and adopts the newly drafted Single-Use Plastic Policy to support the Town working towards becoming a single-use plastic-free town
- Pledges to act by example and enforce the policy in all its business matters
- Supports all plastic free initiatives within the town
- Assigns Councillor T Dumper as Council Representative on the Plastics-Free Community Steering Group to support the group in its work towards the community of Exmouth obtaining Plastic Free Accreditation from Surfers against Sewage.

Date of next meeting

It was agreed that a further meeting be held in 6-weeks-time, around the end of July/beginning of August.

Meeting finished at 20.45pm