

**Notes from a meeting of  
Exmouth Town Team  
held at 1800 on Thursday 18 July 2019  
at Exmouth Town Hall**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Attendees	John Thorogood - Chair (Exmouth Chamber) Natasha Smart - Exmouth Town Council (Local Authority) Cllr Brian Bailey - Exmouth Town Council (Local Auth) Cllr Bruce De Saram - Exmouth Town Council (Local Auth) Nick Christo - EDDC Streetscene (Local Authority) Graham Bell - Exmouth Art Group (Community Group) Jenny Clark - Eaton-Terry Clark (Rolle Street) Liz Oram – (Albion Street) Peter Riggs - Yellowbird: Creative Solutions	
2. Apologies	Lisa Bowman - Exmouth Town Council (Local Authority) Rons Boatman - Exmouth Town Council (Local Authority) Cllr Maddy Chapman - Exmouth Town Council (Local Auth) Marion Drew - Exmouth in Bloom (Community Group) Geoff Bowen - Websites and More (Exeter Road) Gayle Robson - Eaton-Terry Clark (Rolle Street)	
3. Notes from last meeting	The notes from the last meeting on 6 June 2019 were approved, apart from one point to be struck out from item 10, sub-item 1 at the request of Geoff Bowen regarding a telelifter: Geoff no longer has this contact. Noted for the record.	
4. Matters arising from last mtg	None.	
5. Dinosaur Project	<p>John Thorogood invited Nick Christo to comment on the status of the damaged dinosaur models. Nick explained that StreetScene are in possession of some of the broken dinosaur pieces. Natasha Smart reported (on behalf of Rons Boatman) that the damaged Allosaurus model is currently with Steve Satchell for repair at his boatyard (just beyond M&amp;S) and would be ready for collection the following Friday 26 July. Jenny Clark noted that this was the first of four dinosaurs requiring repair, the rest were: the Baby T-Rex; the Stegosaurus; and the Manor Gardens Pterodactyl (which has a smashed foot). Nick confirmed that the three damaged dinosaurs not currently under repair would remain in situ until ready to be repaired.</p> <p>Jenny offered to co-ordinate the repairs with StreetScene, Exmouth Town Council and Steve Satchell (<a href="mailto:stevesatch11@gmail.com">stevesatch11@gmail.com</a>) as the dinosaurs would need, in turn, to be collected, taken to Steve's boatyard, returned to their site and re-installed.</p> <p>John raised the issue of planting around the models in the Strand, which led to some discussion about options and</p>	<p><b>Jenny Clark to coordinate dinosaur repairs</b></p>

	<p>timescales. Nick supported the principle of using planting as a deterrent to the public being able to access the dinosaurs, and supported reviewing the existing planting scheme. Graham Bell suggested making the most of the existing planting and then strategically adding to it with difficult or inconvenient plants (to deter access). He suggested that autumn onwards would be a good time to do this.</p> <p>Re signage, Nick confirmed that StreetScene have put up plenty of signage around the models, advising people not to climb on them, but that this was being ignored. Signage was therefore not the issue. Cllr Bailey wondered whether visiting students might be causing problems and suggested contacting the language school to seek their support. John offered to contact the language school to discuss this. John concluded that strategic planting, addressing the issue of students' anti-social behaviour and the forthcoming wider CCTV rollout would all act as useful deterrents against further dinosaur vandalism. There was also some discussion about whether police would be able to take action against those responsible.</p> <p>Re the dinosaur trail, Jenny explained that the trail packs are all distributing well (she has already needed to replenish stocks in some locations) and that feedback on the trail to date has been generally good. John suggested it would be good to collect photos of children enjoying the trail which could be used for a future press release.</p> <p>Finally, Jenny raised that she had been approached by the Jurassic Coast Trust re whether one of their volunteers could assist with the Exmouth dinosaur trail (and also whether Jenny could host the volunteer). The meeting was supportive of this in principle (John also wondered whether the volunteer could join Town Team) so Jenny stated that she would find out more and revert at the next meeting (or through John via email in the meantime).</p>	<p><b>John Thorogood to contact language schools re students and anti-social behaviour</b></p>
<p>6. Exmouth Station Jurassic Project</p>	<p>Peter Riggs updated the meeting to the fact that, although previously turned down by GWR for CCIF funding for the Exmouth Station Jurassic Project, he had just received an email stating that his £6,500 bid for funding has now been shortlisted as a reserve scheme. GWR was therefore seeking confirmation that the project, which was outlined in the email as 'Installation of 14m x 5m hoarding that reads 'The Gateway to the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site'', could still be progressed. Peter was therefore keen to secure Town Team's backing for the project.</p> <p>There followed some discussion from members seeking clarification about different aspects of the project. Key points, outcomes and actions from the discussion are as follows:</p>	



	<p>Bailey therefore offered to clarify and obtain in writing any permissions required from EDDC;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Put forward a proposal in writing to Town Team/Exmouth Town Council (ETC):</b> once the issues above have been clarified, Peter was advised to provide a short written proposal to Town Team, which could then be put forward to Exmouth Town Council for endorsement. Members felt that this was the best way of clarifying the detail of the project, and therefore enabling them to provide full support for it, and a written proposal/outline could also be used to respond to GWR's email (and with ETC's endorsement would carry more weight);</li> <li>▪ <b>Present project to GWR:</b> Peter is keen to give a presentation to GWR on the project. Members felt that this should ideally be done after the above issues have been clarified, and a written proposal is in place and has been endorsed. Members felt it would be a good idea for them and ETC councillors to attend any presentation with GWR in order to give their full support. Cllr De Saram also suggested inviting a GWR representative to a future meeting to talk about the project.</li> </ul> <p>To conclude, Town Team members were in full support of the project and the bid to GWR for funding, however felt that several key aspects of the project (as outlined above) still needed to be clarified before they could fully support the project and put it forward to ETC for endorsement.</p>	<p><b>Peter Riggs to address all actions prior to next meeting</b></p>
<p>7. The Clock Project</p>	<p>Nick Christo provided an update on StreetScene's planned Magnolia Centre improvements. There are two aspects to this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the main seating area, StreetScene have £8,000 funding to work on the planters and replace some of the existing plants to open up the area. The plan is subsequently to put in a further capital bid to replace the seating;</li> <li>▪ There is no funding available to replace the clock, and the area is complicated further by being privately-owned. Nick explained that EDDC has a large budget deficit so there is currently no appetite for taking any action on the clock, other than removing it. Nick suggested that, if Town Team could come up with a proposal for improving the clock area, he thought that EDDC might be willing to support other options.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Bailey mentioned that the clock on the public hall in Budleigh Salterton had been renewed with community sponsorship, which could be an option in this case, as could seeking a contribution from the landowners. Jenny Clark commented that she had a</p>	

	<p>reservation about spending money on private land, which others agreed with. Peter Riggs suggested using the four clockfaces to display artwork (eg representing the four seasons). John Thorogood asked Graham Bell whether he could come up with some ideas for this.</p>	<p><b>Graham Bell to develop ideas for clock artwork</b></p>
<p>8. Town Clean</p>	<p>John Thorogood updated his action from the previous meeting to approach the Chamber of Commerce regarding funding for the 'Green Exmouth' window sticker for businesses. The upshot was that this led to Liz Oram approaching the Chamber of Commerce, who were encouraging about the project, and John hoped that at their next meeting on 24 July the funding would be signed off. Liz clarified that 100 stickers would cost £144, although she ideally hoped to get 200 stickers (which did not cost much more). The Nationwide Building Society is already involved, but Liz would like to get other businesses involved too and is looking into some kind of sign-up pledge.</p> <p>Liz also stated that she would like to organise another Exmouth street clean in September. Nick Christo mentioned that EDDC has just acquired a Maxwind pavement cleaner from the government's Future High Street Fund which can be lent to community groups (eg Clean Street Exmouth) for street cleans, so this could be used for any Town Team cleans.</p>	
<p>9. Tourist Information Service (TIS)</p>	<p>Natasha Smart reported (on behalf of Rons Boatman) that the TIS would be moving to its new premises in the Strand on 24 July.</p>	
<p>10. Albion Hill Houses/ Hoardings/ Cycle Path Improvements</p>	<p>Jenny Clark reported that Gayle Robson has been in touch with Exmouth artist Anna FitzGerald about working with her on ideas for hoardings. She highlighted that there have been difficulties in getting in contact with landowners to use hoardings on vacant buildings. If they can be contacted, however, she thinks owners would want their vacant properties to look better, eg with hoardings printed with photographs.</p> <p>Re painting Albion Hill houses, the meeting discussed how to contact homeowners and seek their support. Graham Bell offered to pull together some example photographs for John Thorogood to put into a portfolio which could be sent to homeowners to illustrate the project. Nick Christo suggested it was worth coordinating with Devon County Council re any upcoming road closures as it would provide a good opportunity to work on the street at the same time.</p> <p>Marion Drew was not present to provide an update on approaching DCC Councillor Richard Scott re broadening the Albion Hill initiative to surrounding areas/pedestrianisation.</p>	

<p>11. Other Future Projects &amp; Ideas</p>	<p>Liz Oram asked about the EDDC Tree Trail Ap for Phear Park, which Nick Christo explained was no longer viable due to cost. Liz explained that she was still keen to have plaques on some of the historic trees. Nick suggested she contact EDDC's Parks Team to discuss this. Liz also wanted to ensure Town Team itself/Town Team businesses follow green initiatives, in line with the green business sticker project and seeking pledges from businesses.</p> <p>John Thorogood explained that he had had a meeting with an Exmouth resident (details of which he had previously shared with members via email) re disability issues in Exmouth. John was having a further meeting with Ian McQueen (Chamber of Commerce) and Cllr Jeff Trail the following week to discuss this, and sought ideas from Town Team for other ideas/initiatives on this. One issue raised had been that of lack of signage for disabled toilets: John wondered whether this could be a future Town Team project (as long as it was established that this was not a statutory authority requirement)? John asked members to consider the issues raised in his email and forward any other ideas to him.</p>	<p><b>All to email John Thorogood with ideas re improving disability access and facilities in Exmouth</b></p>
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>The meeting ended at 1945.</p> <p>Members discussed future meeting dates and the need to change some planned dates to avoid clashes with other meetings. Dates for the rest of 2019 were confirmed as: <b>Wednesday 4 September</b> (changed from 29 August), <b>Thursday 10 October</b> (unchanged) and <b>Wednesday 20 November</b> (changed form 21 November), all at 1800 at Exmouth Town Hall.</p>	