

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Exmouth Section 106

Notes of the meeting held at 11am on 10th July 2019 in the Exmouth Town Council
Ground Floor meeting room

Present

Cllr F Caygill	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr S Gazzard	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr A. Bailey	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr B. Bailey	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr M Rosser	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr B. Toye	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr J Whipps	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr P. Stott	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Bowman	Town Clerk, Exmouth Town Council
Dave Cook	East Devon District Council
Sulina Tallack	East Devon District Council
Jamie Buckley	East Devon District Council

1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting was called to enable newly elected members to be briefed on S106 funded play, sport and open space projects in Exmouth and the role of the Town Council in prioritising projects in line with the District Council's policies.

2. Matters Arising

Sulina Tallack and Lisa Bowman gave an update on the total S106 funding available for sports projects and the associated restrictions / criteria. Councillors were particularly keen to understand if the funds could be used to improve facilities at existing football clubs such as Warren View and also the scope to use funding for the second phase of the skate park in Phear Park.

A discussion ensued regarding the extent to which the adopted neighbourhood plan could fulfil the prerequisite community consultation (following the Town Council's resolution to use the neighbourhood plan to inform spending priorities) and Sulina presented two options for consideration – both subject to ratification at a Full council meeting of Exmouth Town Council:

Option A: to go out to the community to ask what sports projects it wants to spend £300,000 on. The S106 working party would then help to prioritise and shortlist projects based on affordability and deliverability, which would then be subject to a second round of consultation.

Option B: to look at projects specifically mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan; i.e. playing pitches, floodlighting of tennis courts, cycle way link from Phear Park.

The merits and pitfalls of each option were discussed at length.

Councillor Brain Bailey proposed and Councillor Pauline Stott seconded acceptance of Option A.

Councillor Michael Rosser proposed an amendment that the Town Council's meaningful proportion of CIL should be added to the pot. This was seconded by Brian Bailey and subsequently carried.

It was subsequently highlighted by Sulina Tallack that the inclusion of the Town Council's meaningful proportion of CIL could end up being overly restrictive as the expenditure would need to meet the strict S106 criteria. Sulina recommended that it would be advisable to conduct the community consultation in the first instance and then, depending on which projects ended up being prioritised, look to fulfil any short fall in funding for specific projects from the available CIL monies.

Accordingly, a recommendation will go to the next Full Council meeting of Exmouth Town Council.

Councillor Aurora Bailey also asked for an update on the Brixington Play Park. Sulina Tallack explained that capital funding had been approved by EDDC for Brixington and Redgates. A tender process was now in hand for Redgates but the tender for Brixington was on hold pending a scoping exercise for the wider Brixington area.