

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL: FLOODING & LAND DRAINAGE WORKING PARTY

Notes of meeting of Monday 30th September 2019 at 2.00 pm in the Committee Room, Exmouth Town Council

ACTION POINTS IN YELLOW

PRESENT

Bruce de Saram	BdS	Exmouth Town & EDDC Councillor, Chair
Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town & EDDC Councillor, Mayor
Jeff Trail	JT	DCC Councillor
Richard Brown	RBr	DCC Highways
Dave Hancock	DH	Environment Agency, Project Manager
Dave Seaber	DS	South West Water
Ben Herman	BH	South West Water
Tim Clatworthy	TC	Exmouth Town Council

There being only 2 ETC councillors present, this meeting was inquorate.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Lisa Bowman	LB	ETC Town Clerk
Chetna Jones	CJ	ETC Deputy Clerk
Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Councillor, Vice Chair
Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Councillor
Jayne Johnson	JJ	Kier/TVO
Rob Butler	RB	Environment Agency
Kate Pearson	KP	Environment Agency, Flood Resilience Team
Thom Buxton-Smith	TBS	Environment Agency Advisor, Flooding and Coastal Risk Management (<i>leaving EA</i>)
Richard Elliott	RE	DCC, Neighbourhood Highways Officer
Jessica Bishop	JB	DCC, Senior Flood & Coastal Risk Officer
Hock Lee	HL	DCC, Flood & Coastal Risk Officer
Dave Turner	DT	(<i>has now left EDDC</i>)
Nicki Hill	NH	South West Water, Customer Services Delivery Manager

2. NOTES OF MEETING OF 3RD JUNE 2018

These were agreed by BdS and SG in principle, even though the meeting was inquorate.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM/SINCE LAST MEETING

6 (4g) Lavis' boatyard: DH said they would not erect a gate there. JT thought that EA would then have to compensate local businesses and residents. DH said the people concerned should claim against the PROJECTS, via Ian Hayes, Estates Dept of EA.

6 (4h) Dawlish: Sand is moving upstream and into the channel. Exe Estuary Partnership had informed EA that No. 11 buoy was being dragged towards the centre of the channel and the new Exeter harbourmaster had to move it back.

DH to refer this to the PSO section of EA.

7a: Gully cleaning: **RBr to inform TC of the current schedule.**

4. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: EXMOUTH TIDAL DEFENCE WORKS (DH)

- Area A (off Royal Avenue): 50% of the wall has been built already, and 90% of the embankments; some landscaping to follow. The car park will be completed in January and the wall continued.
- Area B: Camperdown Creek: The playground closures were necessary as asbestos had to be removed when the sheet piling was installed. The new gabions have been installed and the timber cladding will follow shortly. The new floodgate by the slipway should be installed in February-March.
- Area C: There have been very few complaints about the road closures. The strengthening of the sea wall from Mamhead slipway has been stopped so as not to disturb local bird life at this season. The top-up on the foreshore has been completed below the lower walkway. Work has already started on abutting the Imperial

Hotel wall; work at the Grove will start mid-October and progress onto the Grove/Alexandra Terrace junction after that.

- d) Closing of flood gates: EDDC will close all major gates. A volunteer scheme for the Esplanade and Morton Crescent junctions is being looked into (a previous scheme has existed.) DH to keep ETC updated of developments (via TC) to ensure co-ordination with our Community Resilience team, and also to forward notes to TC of the EA Progress meetings that Nick Christo attends.
- e) Mound of earth by Sea Cadets building: This will be moved, and DH to contact Carla Hiley (via TC) as this is relevant to next year's Festival preparations.

5. SOUTH WEST WATER (DS & BH)

Pumping Station: No issues since the recent repair, though there continue to be problems with the network itself. To remedy this, funding was recently granted for a full inspection including an infiltration hydraulic survey. However, this is a major scheme and is unlikely to take place imminently and furthermore many of the problems were down to DCC to repair, not SWW. JT commented that we had already been waiting 10 years for these issues to be put right, and that we generally received too little information from SWW. DS replied that while SWW did not currently have the answers, there was little point in calling a meeting, but that perhaps they should follow EA's example and periodically produce a short newsletter (DS).

JT said that Colony residents felt that they were being 'left behind' and suggested a letter should be drafted for each household to explain the history and the current situation. Hazel Tranchard and DS to inform TC of current situation.

6. FLOODING EVENTS (ETC COUNCILLORS)

The question was asked if any procedures were in place for the exceptionally high tide due tonight. RBr said no flooding alert had been put out yet; DH added that duty officers were on standby nevertheless. JT thought this info should have been automatically passed to ETC Community Resilience Group.

7. AOB

TC to invite, at BdS' behest, two new guests to our next meeting:

Megan Rimmer (EA)

Grahame Forshaw (Exeter Harbourmaster)

8. NEXT MEETING

2.00pm Monday December 2nd, Exmouth Town Hall Committee Room (1st floor.)

The meeting finished at 2.55pm.

Please let me know asap if you know already that you cannot make this date, and arrange for a colleague to represent you or supply any updates.

Whilst as a council we aim to reduce paper use to a minimum, please let me know in good time if you need hard copies of any of the documents, so as not to delay the start of the meeting.

Thank you, Tim