

**Notes from a meeting of Exmouth
Town Team held at 1800 on
Wednesday 22 January 2020 at
Exmouth Town Hall**

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Attendees	Jenny Clark (Acting Chair) - Eaton-Terry Clark (Rolle St) Lisa Bowman - ETC (Local Authority) Rons Boatman - ETC (Local Authority) Natasha Smart - ETC (Local Authority) Cllr Brian Bailey - ETC (Local Authority) Cllr Maddy Chapman - ETC (Local Authority) Cllr Bruce De Saram - ETC (Local Authority) Gerry Bassett – Exmouth in Bloom (Community Group) Marion Drew - Exmouth in Bloom (Community Group) Graham Bell - Exmouth Art Group (Community Group) Liz Oram – (Albion Street)	
2. Apologies	John Thorogood - Chair (Exmouth Chamber) Nick Christo – EDDC StreetScene (Local Authority) Gayle Robson - Eaton-Terry Clark (Rolle Street)	
3. Notes from last mtg	The notes from the last meeting on 20 November 2019 were approved.	
4. Matters arising from last meeting	Action point update (where not covered elsewhere): <u>4. Watersports Centre Hoardings</u> Graham Bell reported that contractors Grenadier own the hoardings but do not yet know what they will do with them when the building is complete. Town Team are keen to be able to repurpose them, ideally at no cost, but there is unlikely to be any news on this in the short term so Graham will maintain a watching brief. <u>6. Exmouth Station Jurassic Project</u> A letter from Peter Riggs, explaining that the project could no longer go ahead due to funding issues, was attached to the agenda. On behalf of Town Team, Jenny Clark thanked Peter for the work, creativity and enthusiasm he had put into the project. <u>11. Floral Trail Leaflet</u> Marion Drew shared copies of the finished leaflet and explained how pleased Exmouth in Bloom was with it, as well as the positive feedback they have received on it. 3000 were printed, and as well as being available in the TIS, Tesco have agreed to house them.	Graham Bell to report back on the hoardings as and when there is any news
5. Dinosaur Project	Jenny Clark provided an update on the vandalised dinosaurs (the Baby T-Rex, Stegosaurus and Baby Brontosaurus), which have been fixed and replaced by 'Dinosaur Dave' and his team. Dave has not charged for the work other than for materials (amounting to c£40), for which Jenny has already reimbursed him and will provide invoices to claim the amount back from Town Team funds. Jenny explained that lots of residents who have seen Dave at work have commented that they would be happy to contribute towards the upkeep of the	Jenny Clark to explore costings for 'Dino Medic' branding

	<p>dinosaurs. So Jenny would like to introduce the idea of Dave and his team as 'Dino Medics', with branded t-shirts or high-visibility jackets as well as a contribution box. Jenny will look into costs for this.</p> <p>In response to a query about robustness of the dinosaurs, Jenny explained that Dave has been using expanding foam and strengthening rods inside any dinosaurs he repairs in order to further strengthen them.</p> <p>Jenny updated on other aspects of the project, such as how helpful Keir (the contractors for the current sea defence upgrade work) have been in providing rocks to be used at the base of the dinosaurs to help secure them better. John Thorogood had thanked Keir publicly on Facebook but she wondered whether Town Team should do anything else? The meeting agreed that perhaps reference could be made on the website or in The Journal once all the rocks have been used, along with some photographs.</p> <p>Jenny explained that she is keen to take some time on further planning for the dinosaurs, eg their placement, extending the scheme, further business sponsorship. She also reported that she and Graham Bell had met to discuss amending the planting/dinosaur placement in the Strand, and had photographs of possible amendments. She agreed to develop this further within the 'Dinosaur Sub-Committee' (comprising Jenny, Graham, Liz Oram and Bruce De Saram) and report back.</p> <p>Finally, in response to a query about the Dinosaur Project item taking up a lot of agenda time, Jenny suggested moving it to the end of future agendas as a regular update item.</p>	<p>Jenny Clark to arrange 'Dinosaur Sub-Committee' meeting</p>
<p>6. Magnolia Centre improvements</p>	<p>Members agreed that the Magnolia Centre clock and pole is still standing/unchanged. Lisa Bowman updated that Councillors Paul Millar and Joe Whibley are keen to pursue funding to replace the clock, so she requested that this item be removed from Town Team's agenda. If plans progress, it will be a future issue for Exmouth Town Council to consider.</p>	<p>John Thorogood to remove this item from future agendas</p>
<p>7. Town Clean</p>	<p>Liz Oram explained that a date has been set for the Town Clean of Saturday 28 March, 0800-1200. She has spoken to Transition Exmouth and Clean Street Exmouth, as well as groups such as the Tri-Hards, who are on board with the idea (and Marion Drew stated that Exmouth in Bloom would also get involved). Liz has asked Michael Greenland to create posters to promote the day and encourage other community groups and individuals to get involved (at a cost of c £50 for 500 A5 posters). She will also actively promote it on social media and plans to invite Simon Jupp MP.</p> <p>Liz is hoping to include a wide area of Exmouth in the Town Clean, comprising the Magnolia Centre, Strand, Parade and Rolle Street. She raised an issue about access to water and plans to speak to StreetScene about this. Marion explained</p>	

	<p>that EiB has a standpipe in town and is also buying a trolley to help transport water barrels. Maddy Chapman suggested that it might be possible to use EDDC's street cleaning machine. Maddy also commented that some of the worst businesses for cleanliness are takeaways and that part of their licence stipulates that they have to clean the outside of their premises. She suggested that Liz let her know which takeaway businesses need cleaning and she will pass this on to EDDC licencing inspectors. Liz commented that some areas/walls in particular need a deeper clean, which is the responsibility of landlords.</p> <p>Liz asked Town Team members for approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide funds of £50 for poster printing; - invite Simon Jupp MP to the Town Clean. <p>Members approved both requests.</p> <p>Liz also updated Town Team on the planned eco sticker scheme. She showed members a diagram of the proposed wording on the eco stickers ('Cleaner Greener Exmouth') which are being produced for businesses and sponsored by Exmouth Chamber of Commerce. The idea is that businesses will sign up to the scheme, which involves working towards 5 pledges relating to cleanliness, reducing use of plastics, using environmentally-friendly cleaning products etc. Once signed up, they will receive and display the sticker showing their commitment to the pledges. Liz plans to create a letter for businesses to explain the scheme and outline the pledges which they will work towards.</p> <p>Other points raised during this item were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lisa Bowman explained that ETC had been contacted by members of the public regarding the state of the car park behind Co-Op (managed by Laing and Whitton) and wondered whether there was an opportunity to include it within the Town Clean or eco sticker scheme. Lisa agreed to forward relevant emails to Liz; - Liz asked whether the planters outside Costa Coffee could be planted with taller items. Marion explained that plants keep getting stolen from the planters. 	
<p>8. Tourist Information Service (TIS)</p>	<p>Lisa Bowman and Rons Boatman explained that they had recently had a positive meeting with Jo Butler from Visit South Devon, which is currently running a campaign to promote group travel (at a cost of £200) to encourage group/coach visits to Devon towns. John Thorogood had copied an email separately to Town Team members about this, seeking views, but Lisa explained that Exmouth Town Council has already agreed to fund this.</p> <p>Rons explained that she hopes to work more on social media and branding for the Visit Exmouth site, which ties in with the Visit South Devon site, so will speak to John on his return.</p> <p>Rons explained that, since the TIS moved from AJ's to the</p>	<p>John Thorogood to remove this item from future agendas</p>

	<p>Strand, the TIS footfall has increased by 40%.</p> <p>Marion Drew explained that Exmouth in Bloom has access to the LED noticeboard and has recently removed lots of outdated posters. Marion would like to gain access to the other noticeboard to replace the town map and is aware that EDDC Simon Kennedy has a key. Rons will give Marion up-to-date posters/map for the boards.</p> <p>Graham Bell asked who holds the table tennis equipment for the tables in the Strand and wondered whether the TIS would be a good location. Lisa reported that Andrew Humphries Jewellers holds the equipment and members agreed that there was no need to change this. Graham suggested that it would be useful to have an all-weather surface under the tables; Lisa explained that EDDC has to date been unable to commit to either providing a new surface or moving the tables to a better surface.</p>	
<p>9. Albion Hill Houses/ Hoardings/ Cycle Path Improvements/ Photo Frames</p>	<p><u>Albion Hill Houses</u> Graham Bell reported that he had no further update re painting the houses in Albion Hill, but was working on a provisional budget of c £400 per house. He would try to establish more accurate costings and revert. Liz Oram explained that there are about 30 houses in Albion Hill. Marion Drew suggested focusing on the first few properties leading to the car park entrance for initial impact. Lisa Bowman supported the idea but advised that it would be difficult to justify use of Town Council funds to paint private houses in just one small area of Exmouth, so it was important to find funding for the project. Liz agreed to look into this.</p> <p><u>Photo Frames</u> Jenny Clark reported that she has sourced a local artist who may be able to design the frames, so she will explore this further.</p>	<p>Graham Bell to look into painting costs; Liz Oram to look into possible funding</p> <p>Jenny Clark to explore frame designs</p>
<p>10. Sensory Garden Project</p>	<p>Graham Bell explained that the project had this week got permission to go ahead, with just a few issues to clarify over planting. Graham is planning to start work on the mural first and has already approached Exmouth Art Group for initial funding to get started with this. He anticipates work beginning on the hard landscaping and horticultural work once the weather gets better, and hopes to have completed the whole project by the end of April.</p> <p>Graham is now looking for funding/sponsorship (and anticipates the whole project costing no more than £8,500). Lisa Bowman explained that CIL money wouldn't apply but forwarded to Graham information on Devon County Council grants relating to disability and green spaces ('Doing What Matters Community Grant Scheme' and 'Postcode Community Trust'). If applying to Town Team for funding, Lisa advised that Graham would need to submit a full, costed proposal.</p>	

11. Town Video	John Thorogood had provided an update on the Town Video (attached to the agenda), explaining that Exmouth in Bloom had decided to produce its own video but that the Chamber of Commerce will pursue a Town Video instead. John will update Town Team on progress in due course.	
12. Town Team future meetings and dates for 2020	Future meeting dates were already agreed as Wednesday 18 March and 29 April 2020. Jenny Clark suggested further dates for the year, which Natasha Smart agreed to check and share after the meeting.	
13. Other Future Projects & Ideas	<p><u>Town Flags</u> Marion Drew introduced Exmouth in Bloom's idea for putting up Town Flags in the Strand, specifically an initial project of 4 sail-shaped flags to be erected on Franklins. EiB has sought advice on all aspects of this, eg legal and highways considerations, and is taking guidance from DCC and Moretonhampstead Flag Festival. Flagholders will comprise purpose-built, 11-foot-long poles which will attach to buildings at an angle, with flags 8-foot-long. The bottom of the flags will be 12 feet from the ground. The flags are being made from recycled tent/kite/parachute fabric. EiB hopes to have the flags up from June to September. Town Team members were fully supportive of the project.</p> <p>Lisa Bowman explained that ETC has some flags/banners which cannot be used due to opposition from DCC Highways so are repurposed for use during the Exmouth Festival. Marion explained that she has spoken to Councillor Jeff Trail, who is on board with the project.</p>	
14. AOB	<p>Liz Oram suggested organising another '2p challenge' to perhaps raise money for Christmas lights and the RNLI. Lisa Bowman explained that the issue with Christmas lights in Exmouth is not the money to pay for lights, it is the infrastructure problems of not having enough power connecting points to attach the lights to. So she advised that, if Liz wanted to organise a challenge, she should do it in support of another cause. The meeting agreed that solar lights are unfortunately not good enough to provide the necessary power.</p> <p>Brian Bailey thanked everyone who attended the Town Team social evening on 17 January. He stated that the Commodore at the Sailing Club was happy to host future Town Team events. Brian suggested holding an event in September when it would still be warm/light enough to eat out on the balcony. Members welcomed this (although Jenny Clark asked Brian to avoid 26 September).</p>	
16. Date of Next Meeting	<p>The meeting ended at c1940.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 1800 at Exmouth Town Hall.</p>	