

Exmouth Town Council

Waterfront Working Party

Notes of the meeting of the Waterfront Working Party held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at 10am in the Chamber, Town Hall, First Floor.

Present:

Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Fred Caygill	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Nick Christo	NC	StreetScene Area Manager, EDDC
Pete Blyth	PB	StreetScene Beach Safety Officer, EDDC
David Radford	DR	Exmouth Sea Scouts
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council – Deputy Town Clerk
Mollie Carey	MC	Exmouth Town Council – Note Taker

1. Apologies for Absence:

Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Council – Town Clerk
Councillor Jeff Trail BEM	JT	Devon County Councillor
Councillor Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council? On leave
Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	Exmouth Town Council? On leave

2. Welcome and apologies

PS welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted. The notes of the two previous meetings dated 21st May 2019 and additional meeting with East Devon District Council dated 29th May 2019 were agreed without comment.

3. Actions Arising from previous meeting walk on 9th July 2019

PS worked through the outstanding actions identified from the previous meeting walk on 9th July. NC/PB/CJ provided feedback on the following actions.

East Devon District Council Beach litter pick	Done
Responsibility of highway objects; metal gully covers, cement bollards, hi-vis bollard	Metal gully covers by EDDC Echelon parking spaces are owned by EDDC. PB raised issue with EDDC engineers and work to be scheduled.
Beach and carpark Signs	Blenny bay – Alpha numeric reference, ordinate survey name. Pavilion Car Park – Raise with Andrew Ennis EDDC Marine Way/York Inn – Highway sign signposting to the beach not present. Contact Richard Elliot DCC
Seawall; weeds, broken areas,	RNLI Weeds – RNLI will take them on with maintenance of the RNLI area. Engineers survey – picked up on broken wall/cracks as part of annual survey. Weeding has been done – Simon Kennedy Work

Fenced-off area by Echelon parking spaces and repainting of parking space lines	Former bench area proposal to use as storage for wheelchair users with specific disabled car parking spaces.
Overgrown hedges and other plants	Included in work schedule
Blue Flag information point and flagpoles	Blue Fag sign – done, season finished so flags have been removed. Information once received FOR 2020 will be added as space has been made included on signage.
Old fashioned lampposts	Graffiti – removed
Beach steps, shelters and bins	Handrail on steps – engineers confirmed only one is needed Beach shelters- property services have a forward plan to paint/refurbish one per season. The upkeep will be Street Scene’s responsibility. Pavilion shelter include on the schedule.
Queen’s Drive A-Boards and advertising material	Queens drive A Boards had been passed to regen team by NC, still not been moved. Concern for accessibility and contrary to planning conditions. FC to raise with Richard Cohen
Gunfield Gardens; wildflower areas, bins, shelters, railings, fencing and lighting	Work programmed imminently.

4. Update on Exmouth Tidal Defence Scheme

Concerns were raised by members regarding various aspects of the Exmouth Tidal Defence Scheme works. CJ to co-ordinate concerns and send to NC/PLO including Flag poles, Jubilee clock tower, Estuary cycle path access. NC/CJ to report back feedback/answers at the next meeting.

5. Update on Jubilee Clock Tower

CJ updated members on the report from the 2019 survey on the Clock Tower. Work on the Clock Tower will require listed building consent, ETC Full council will have to give approval for the work, once permission has been granted CJ will progress with this. Access will be needed CJ contact Environment Agency Rob Butler to liaise with him regarding accessing the site.

6. Update on Festoon lights

CJ updated members that ETC has put in claim in with contractors for a refund as an unexpected coast has occurred since the removal of the Festoon lights. The time scale for work completion is unknown.

7. Update on flag poles

PB confirmed the new EDDC Flagpole is to be erected by the new shoreline facility, position to be confirmed by regen once work commences on the new facility. The existing flagpole by Gig club will be removed as no longer in service. The Mamhead slipway red flag has been replaced with a better-quality weather resistance flag.

8. Beachside shelter idea from Clean Street Exmouth

CJ voiced Clean Street Exmouth proposal of a rough and destructive covering on the beachside shelter. Unanimous decision by WP that the wooden materials suggested to be used are not fit for purpose and would attract vandalism and arson. Community projects using schools is best approach to cover the 200m area, NC to update WP on property services suggestions for the Beachside area at next meeting.

9. Any other business

Christmas day Swim – SG proposed removal of boards outside the Octagon to enable access to beach safety. NC expressed the huge risk as EDDC turn blind eye to event.

Additional overflow car park – why is it closed? Suggestion made of closing off a section off muddy area that is unusable rather than the whole site. Parking is needed especially during half term. NC to contact Andrew Ennis.

Imperial recreation ground car park - losing revenue due to loss of car parking spaces, is EDDC entitled to right of recompense due to sewage tank repair work under car park. NC to ask Andrew Ennis.

Refill stations – NC is working with the ETC Plastic Reduction WP Councillor Michael Rosser to determine water points to be refill stations along the esplanade. This is an initiative of a partnership between the District and Town Council.

SG/PS gave Thanks to NC & PB

10. Dates of next meetings:

Dates to be set for 2020 agreed on day and time of Tuesday mornings at approximately 10.00am

Meeting concluded at 11:40am