

# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## CCTV Working Party

Notes of the meeting held at 10am on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 via ZOOM

### Present

Councillor Fred Caygill (Chairman)	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Maddy Chapman	MC	Exmouth Town Council
Cherry Nicholas	CN	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Ian Kirvan	IK	Exmouth Town Council
Ross Johnstone	RJ	WWCTV
Lisa Bowman	LB	Town Clerk

### Apologies

Councillor Joe Whibley

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were given and noted as shown above.

#### 2. Approval of notes

The notes of 17<sup>th</sup> March were noted and approved.

#### 3. Update on status of CCTV project

Councillor Caygill updated those present on progress with the Council's CCTV project as follows:

EDDC has declined a contribution by ETC to incumbent system.

Quotes for a new system have been received from First Stop (Exeter based company)

The Town Council had also received a marketing approach by WCCTV and their representative, Ross Johnstone, came down to Exmouth with a camera for ETC to trial, which was subsequently mounted on a lamp column on the Esplanade (where the festoons have been taken down).

A trial is ongoing with the camera now sited on the Parade looking towards Tempus. It has a moving pre-set and this location has proved to be quite a good test of the camera.

Fred has spoken to Sergeant Richard Stonecliffe (RS) from the local neighbourhood policing team and had a walk around with him and a fellow PCSO to identify the most appropriately located cameras, of which there are 15. He has also identified three cameras which could be removed – no 2, no 10, no 12. RS has also asked for potential to locate new cameras at the end of Alexandra Terrace, at the new lifeboat station, in Manor Gardens and in Phear Park.

Ross Johnstone (RJ) joined the meeting at 10.15am and introduced his company - WCCTV. Ross looks after public sector, specifically police and local authorities. The company specialises in the manufacture of cameras which operate over the mobile network but they are mains powered. The company is working with 173 councils across the country.

RJ then gave an online presentation and expanded on his company's offering, including some of the benefits of *re-deployable* technology as well as automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology. Stats from WCCTV's current client base indicate that the ANPR function can reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and fly tipping etc.

Members queried aspects of the ANPR functionality, track and trace and data monitoring.

RJ explained that in respect of data monitoring, WCCTV can offer a fully managed service, tailored for each client but there are flexible options for monitoring in-house or by a third party. Recordings are held on a rolling 30-day cycle as per guidance. There is also scope for live monitoring as well as retrospective viewing / downloads. The cameras can also be administered as part of a collaborative central monitoring hub, which might give the Town Council scope to sell monitoring services to other Town Councils.

Members were able to view some sample footage taken from Exmouth Esplanade, live footage from The Parade and elsewhere in the country, including the pre-set functionality, PTZ (pan, tilt zoom), interrogation possibilities and the full range of the camera. Recordings are stored at both low-quality resolution and high resolution. This enables speedy and efficient review of footage and fast track searching at lower resolution, with high residential recordings then available for downloading if evidential quality recordings are required.

It was reiterated that police partnership was imperative if the system is to be used to its full potential.

An invitation was extended for Members to attend a forthcoming WCCTV webinar.

Ross Johnstone left the meeting at 11.25am.

Councillor Caygill explained that camera installation is contingent on a suitable power source. The trial camera has been connected to a lamp column with a festive lighting socket but ongoing work is needed to identify power sources. Work also needs to be done on police engagement and identifying suitable locations for potential new cameras.

Members queried associated costs but it was explained that this is dependent on the final specification and power sources, with finer details still to be explored.

LB explained that the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations do necessitate that certain procurement procedures need to be followed but there is scope to conduct a targeted procurement exercise.

It was agreed that Councillor Caygill will continue dialogue with the Police, Devon County Council (in respect of permissions for using lamp columns) and WWCTV.

**4. Dates of future meetings – November 4th, 2020 @ 10am**

The meeting finished at 11.45am.