

# EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## Flooding and Land Drainage Working Party

Notes of the Zoom meeting held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Present

Bruce de Saram	BdS	Chair, ETC councillor Littleham ward
Tim Dumper	TD	ETC councillor, Town ward
Pauline Stott	PS	ETC councillor, Halsdon ward
Steve Gazzard	SG	ETC councillor, Withycombe Raleigh ward
Frank Cullis	FC	ETC councillor, Withycombe Raleigh ward
Cherry Nicholas	CN	ETC councillor, Brixington ward
Tony Woodward	TW	ETC councillor, Halsdon ward & Community Resilience w/p
Kate Pearson	KP	EA, Flood Resilience Advisor
Tom Buxton-Smith	TBS	EDDC, Engineering Projects Manager
Thomas Aldridge	TA	DCC, Flood & Coastal Risk Management
Chetna Jones	CJ	ETC Deputy Town Clerk
Tim Clatworthy	TC	ETC, notes

### Apologies

Jeff Trail	JT	DCC Councillor
Cameron Robison	CR	DCC Highways
Richard Elliott	RE	DCC Highways
Ben Harman	BH	SWW
Jim Faux	JF	EA
David Hancock	DH	EA
Jayne Johnson	JJ	Kier

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### 1. Welcome and apologies

### 2. Notes of previous meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

PS proposed and TD seconded the veracity of these notes.

### 3. Matters arising from these meetings

- a) It was suggested that Kier place a 'Cyclists Dismount' sign at BOTH ends of the cyclepath where it now merges into the footpath along the Esplanade.
- b) Flooding at Autoworks: this is a very long-standing fault:  
**Action: TC to remind JT of this problem.**

### 4. To receive a progress report on the Exmouth Tidal Defence Flood Gates MOU and work with the volunteers - KP

- a) Exmouth Town Council agreed in principle to the draft MoU at December's Full Council meeting
- b) Since then, the momentum has continued with the recruitment of gate volunteers:
  - i. Ten Morton Crescent residents have expressed an interest in forming a voluntary flood-gate group.
  - ii. The General Manager at the Imperial Hotel has expressed an interest in the operation of the pedestrian gate adjacent to the flagpole.
  - iii. KP has not heard back from the Exe Sailing Club, the Grove or Rockfish.  
**Action: KP to follow up with these organisations.**

- iv. An initial meeting with Morton Crescent volunteers has been organised for the 28 January 2021, 6-7.30pm and is kindly being hosted by Chetna Jones via ETC's Zoom account.

## **5. EA/Kier – DH**

There was no representation from Kier, but KP advised as follows on the Tidal Defence Scheme:

- a) Construction activities restarted on 4 January 2021.
- b) Most of the current work is focussed on Area C along the seafront.
- c) Some excavation work is currently taking place on the foreshore and at the Alexandra Terrace Junction (on the west side, for the gates). Excavation on the east side of Alexandra Terrace junction will take place after Easter.
- d) The traffic management system is in place.
- e) The works are on programme.
- f) Most operations will move out of the highway for Easter
- g) The festoon lights can go back up once construction traffic and machinery has stopped, i.e. when the scheme is complete, which is currently anticipated for July 2021.

## **6. SWW**

BH and TBS are looking into the damage to the effluent pipes by the lifeboat station which have been exposed by the receding sand cover. Although this extent of sand loss is uncommon, it is cyclical, and an explanation was sought so that we could be better prepared for future events.

**TBS to investigate this matter and provide an update to this group.**

## **7. EDDC – TBS**

EDDC's Beach Management Plan does not currently have funds sufficient for its aspirations, but EDDC hope to receive funds in time to start work with EA in 2023.

## **8. DCC**

CR was unable to be present but emailed to say that the gully wagon is now in Exmouth to do all the gullies due on their cyclical clean (which is almost all of them). The gang are doing main roads in the early morning and are moving to side roads when the traffic starts to pick up.

## **9. ETC Councillors**

The broken railing/fence leading from Bradham lane to Wood Lane running along Withycombe Brook is now in a perilous state and no protection at all. As ownership of that footway is unknown, the EA and DCC are being asked to determine who installed the fence in first place, to enable this access to be maintained or closed on a permanent basis. Any remedial measures taken by another authority will mean they take on the liabilities.

## **10. South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee update**

There was no representation from SWRFCC.

**Action: CJ to ask JT to provide for an update (if available) for the next meeting.**

## **11. AOB**

No further items were brought up.

**12. Date of next meetings:** April 27<sup>th</sup>; July 20<sup>th</sup>; October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**13. Close of Meeting:** The meeting closed at 1500.