

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Festival and Events Working Party

Notes of the virtual meeting held at 1400 on Thursday 6 January 2022 via Zoom

Present

Cllr Joy Whipps (Chair)	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Cherry Nicholas	CN	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Eileen Beech	EB	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Trevor Huggons	TH	Festival Volunteer
Charlie Tapp	CT	Exmouth Town Council
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Greenway	LG	Exmouth Town Council

Apologies

Cllr Joe Whibley	JW	Exmouth Town Council
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1. Welcome, introductions and apologies (JW)

1.1 JW welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Notes of meeting of 4 November 2021 (attached) and matters arising (JW)

2.1 The notes of the last meeting on 4 November 2021 were approved without issue.

2.2 No other matters arising.

3. Exmouth Winter Festival Wash Up (CT)

3.1 JW thanked CT for an excellent Exmouth Winter Festival. SG agreed with this and thanked the volunteers, although raised concerns about the number of people remaining at the festival after 7pm and suggested that timings could be changed this coming year. OD suggested that the street entertainers could maybe start before the lantern parade. JW confirmed that most people with families left after the Christmas light switch on and suggested that an earlier start/finish and order change of

entertainment would be advantageous. CT agreed and it will be taken into consideration on the next winter festival.

4. Receive an update on the Exmouth Summer Festival 2022 (CT)

- 4.1 Plans for the festival are progressing well. CT is in touch with all performers and has a production meeting next week. Additional security has also been put in place should covid restrictions warrant this.
- 4.2 The premises licence application was accepted by EDDC in December and the public notice has been displayed in the Exmouth Journal and the Imperial recreation ground.
- 4.3 CT has received bar tenders from 2 local businesses and members discussed the tenders received for which CT will circulate the bids to members prior to any decision being made. Concerns were raised that information was missing from bids so CT will chase this up with the businesses over the next 2 weeks. A short meeting will take place on the 20th of January to vote on the tenders once all information has been received.

5. The Queens Jubilee and Beacon Lighting (CJ)

- 5.1 CJ advised members that registration to take part in the Jubilee Beacon lighting event has been confirmed by the official pageant master Bruno Peek.
- 5.2 The National Trust has confirmed in writing that it would be acceptable to use the land by the geo needle at Orcombe point for the beacon lighting event. The National Trust were keen to avoid an open bonfire and were in favour of the proposal to use a basket style gas beacon. CJ will confirm the final details with the National Trust. CJ will risk assess the site as members had safety concerns, as the beacon will be lit at 9.45pm. Once CJ has carried out a risk assessment any mitigating actions including the need for barriers will be put in place. TH queried why the beacon should be lit at the geo needle as the town centre would be more accessible to the public. SG advised that this was the location used previously and would be seen all along the coastline.
- 5.3 In his confirmation letter, Bruno Peek has suggested using a piper, choir and procession for the event and has also written to the Town Crier encouraging him to take part. CT will liaise with CJ regarding the procession.
- 5.4 JW expressed concerns that pipers are usually booked far in advance, however SG and EB were aware of a local piper and SG will provide contact details to CJ to make contact.

- 5.5 CJ advised members that grants were available specifically for Jubilee related art projects this funding might be suitable to develop a structural legacy to mark the spot of the platinum jubilee beacon event. JW was keen to have a plaque displayed at the geo needle to commemorate the Queens Jubilee and CJ suggested that a piece of furniture could be commissioned as an art project involving local artists and Space. CJ will review funding criteria for grants and discuss details with CT to agree potential artist involvement.
- 5.6 CJ confirmed with members that funds will be required for the Jubilee celebrations however this is being considered as part of the 2022/2023 budget.
- 5.7 CJ will liaise with CT and utilise the festival photographer for the Jubilee.
- 5.8 There are proposals for a Jubilee Beacon Trail to take place between 30th April and 12th of June 2022 but in order to offer this trail to Exmouth a pack will need to be purchased at a cost of £499 before the end of April. OD queried why the pack was so expensive and CJ explained to members the content and service included in the pack. CJ will share the link with members to provide more detailed information. Members discussed the possibility of adding additional posters at locations on the trail to include local history through the decades and although members agreed this in principle this may be outside the scope in terms of resources. CJ will investigate if local historians or the museum want to take this forward.
- 5.9 Members discussed the pack purchase, JW proposed, EB seconded, and it was agreed, that the pack should be purchased. CJ and AJ will liaise to work on identifying 7 possible venues around town which potentially have some history to display the posters/QR codes for the trail.
- 5.10 CJ and CT discussed the possibility of incorporating the Big Jubilee Lunch on the 5th of June 2022 into the Exmouth Summer Festival. CT added she will need to give this some thought as this might cause issues with food if the public were encouraged to bring their own food rather than purchasing from the traders.
- 5.11 The Queens Green Canopy encourages people to plant trees on their land and EDDC have agreed that a circle or line of 7 trees could be planted on the grass land at Anson Road to commemorate the Jubilee. All members agreed that this was a good idea and OD suggested getting guidance on planting trees from EDDC. CJ will contact EDDC to discuss this further.

6. Consider Exmouth Sea Festival as proposed by Graham Deasy (All)

- 6.1 Members all agreed that this was a good idea in principle however it was decided that ETC could not take this on due to the time and cost involved. TH confirmed to members that the Marina traders had this idea a few years ago but it never went ahead although he did suggest passing on contact details. SG added that Sideshore may be able to get involved. It was agreed that LB will respond to the request accordingly.

7. Any other business (All)

No other business

8. Date of 2022 meetings

20 January (Short meeting to decide bar tender bid)

17 February

31 March

12 May

23 June

The meeting ended at 15:06