

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Festival and Events Working Party

Notes of the virtual meeting held at 1400 on Thursday 17 February 2022 via Zoom

Present

Cllr Joy Whipps (Chair)	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Eileen Beech	EB	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Charlie Tapp	CT	Exmouth Town Council
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Greenway	LG	Exmouth Town Council

Apologies

Cllr Joe Whibley	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Trevor Huggons	TH	Festival Volunteer

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies (JW)

1.1 JW welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Notes of previous meetings on 6th and 20th January 2022 and matters arising (JW)

2.1 The notes of the last meetings on the 6th and 20th of January 2022 were approved without issue.

2.2 No other matters arising.

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

3.1 CT presented the event management plan to the EDDC Safety Advisory Group in January, and the premises licence has now been issued by EDDC.

- 3.2 CT has the line-up for the performers, the bar tender was agreed in the last meeting and the application process for traders is open until the 25th of February 2022.
- 3.3 FC queried if a water re-fill station would be available on site and CT confirmed that the water fountain on-site had not been tested for drinking water and therefore could not be used and so far, no provision has been made for re-filling. The bar tenders included the provision of drinking water. CT will check if the water provided at the bar is bottled as there was concern these would be plastic bottles and we were encouraging people to refill. JW added that if free water is available at the bar, it should be advertised. Members discussed the idea of a re-fill station being available on site as this facility has been provided in past festivals. FC will investigate this further, and LB will check previous emails to see if a mobile water supplier can be found.
- 3.4 In an EDDC meeting earlier Streetscene confirmed they will not be providing waste management at the festival this year and have put CT in touch with a waste and re-cycling company. CT will get quotes.

4. The Queens Jubilee and Beacon Lighting (CJ)

- 4.1 CJ confirmed that the local piper has been contacted and is available at a cost of £150, during the conversation the piper suggested a band although this would cost considerably more money. CJ asked members for their opinions on adding a band to the procession. Members agreed that a lone piper would be sufficient for the procession.
- 4.2 CJ and CT have been discussing the possibility of live streaming the beacon lighting but did not feel this is achievable due to a number of reasons and the need to rely on a number of third parties. CJ added that a local radio station may be interested in live broadcasting the event for which EB and JW suggested some local radio stations. LB advised members that one of the local TV stations would most likely pick up on all events in the area too.
- 4.3 JW queried with CJ how crowd control would be monitored as this poses a safety risk and CJ confirmed that barriers could be put in place where needed. OD suggested that people could be encouraged to watch the event from the beach and EB mentioned the farmers field behind the geo-needle that could also be considered. JW suggested speaking to other councillors who took part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 to see if crowds were an issue and if so what safety measures were put in place.
- 4.4 The Jubilee Beacon Trail will take place between the 30th of April and the 12th of June and CJ has already been in discussions with local historians about the possibility of incorporating associated decades of Exmouth history within the trail. CJ listed the 7 locations that are being considered for the trail with a brief outline of the history and why

the locations had been suggested. Members discussed the locations and OD queried why Rolle College had not been considered, as many of the sites involved the closing of something in Exmouth. Members agreed that the Deaf Academy should be included, and CJ highlighted this would be in the same decade as Ocean and therefore Ocean will need to be removed. This was agreed by members. CJ hopes to customise the trail poster to include the ETC logo, sponsorship details and local history through the decades but this will need to be investigated if it is possible and at what cost. OD reminded members that the 30th of April is also Active Travel Day and proposed that the Trail could be promoted through this event to encourage people to take part in the trail. CJ suggested linking Active Travel Day with the Strand location on the trail and JW added that the 300-year-old magnolia tree should be included in the history. CJ suggested that Exmouth Festival may want to sponsor the Strand location for the trail. CT agreed and will discuss in more detail with CJ.

- 4.5 CJ confirmed that 2 local artists and SPACE have been contacted and discussions have taken place to put together a community art project - CJ will share the project proposal once SPACE has provided some information needed for the proposal. It has been agreed that subject to grant approval a mosaic bench will be commissioned. The artists will engage with young people from the Hive to create a design that commemorates the Queen's Jubilee and tells their story. CJ advised members that the project proposal deadline is the 28th of February and if successful the bench will be situated at the geo-needle as agreed with the National Trust. JW queried the cost involved and CJ confirmed that the cost would be covered by the grant, if successful however ETC will provide the Town Maintenance team to install the bench.

5. Any other business (All)

No other business

6. Date of 2022 meetings

31 March

12 May

23 June

The meeting ended at 14:48