

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Flooding & Land Drainage Working Party

Notes of the Zoom meeting held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 10th May 2022

Present

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| Bruce de Saram | BdS | ETC & EDDC councillor Littleham ward and Chairperson |
| Tim Dumper | TD | ETC councillor, Town ward |
| Pauline Stott | PS | ETC councillor, Halsdon ward |
| Steve Gazzard | SG | ETC & EDDC councillor, Withycombe Raleigh ward |
| Cherry Nicholas | CN | ETC councillor, Brixington ward |
| Chetna Jones | CJ | ETC Deputy Town Clerk |
| Tom Buxton-Smith | TBS | EDDC, Engineering Projects Manager |
| Philip Morgan | PM | DCC, Neighbourhood Highway Engineer |
| Thomas Aldridge | TA | DCC, Flood & Coastal Risk Management |
| Stuart Coles | SC | DCC Highways |
| Lisa Greenway | LG | ETC, notes |

Apologies

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| Jeff Trail | JT | DCC councillor |
| Frank Cullis | FCu | ETC councillor, Withycombe Raleigh ward |
| Kate Pearson | KP | EA, Flood Resilience Advisor |
| Rob Butler | RB | EA, Exmouth Tidal Defence Project Manager |
| Kris Inch | KI | EA |

1. Welcome and apologies (BdS)

2. Notes of previous meeting of 25th January 2022

PS proposed and TD seconded the accuracy of these notes.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting (CJ)

a) Withycombe Brook

FC, when sending his apologies had asked that it be noted that the resident of the property next to Withycombe Brook has fenced off the pathway whilst building takes place at the back of the property. PS queried if the property owner was taking responsibility of the land having fenced off the pathway. SG confirmed that Withycombe ward members are keeping a close eye on the work being carried out and photographic evidence has been gathered should it be required later.

4. To note EDDC Scrutiny meeting notes from 17th March 2022

Bds confirmed this would be discussed in item 7 on the agenda.

5. To note the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Newsletter – April 2022 (attached)

Bds advised members that any comments should be raised with DCC, SG added that the report was very informative.

6. EA Tidal Defence and General Updates

No updates were available as EA representatives were not present at the meeting and no reports were received.

CJ updated members that the festoon lights have been erected and are working in most places apart from the section from Cavendish Hotel to Mamhead slipway. This is because the control boxes which were taken down when lampposts were replaced went missing and Streetscene has offered to replace these control boxes to re-instate the remaining lights. There is also a small section by beach gardens where the lights are missing but this is because the poles are being upgraded.

BdS commended CJ for all the work involved with the festoon lights.

7. SWW: Update from David Seaber

BdS confirmed with members that they had read the Love Your Loo (LYL) campaign update which was circulated prior to the meeting and the EDDC Scrutiny meeting notes from the 17th of March 2022.

CJ advised members that DS will not be able to attend zoom meetings as SWW IT policy does not allow employees to access this for work purposes. Although DS was able to provide a LYL update all other requests did not fall within his remit and had attempted unsuccessfully to locate those in SWW who could provide updates prior to the meeting. As there was a crossover with work taking place at EDDC's Scrutiny CJ suggested that the notes of these meetings are circulated to members to alleviate any duplication. TD queried with SG and BdS if there were any updates from the Scrutiny meeting in respect of the recent presentation given by SWW. BdS confirmed that all updates were provided in the meeting notes.

SG confirmed that a second Scrutiny meeting would be held. CJ suggested that the District Councillors (SG and BdS) inform her when relevant agendas are issued and she will provide the information to members of this working party.

Bds suggested that the LYL campaign could be shared on social media and CJ agreed that will share links to the EDDC campaign.

8. EDDC: General updates

TBS updated members that no new issues have arisen since the last meeting and the beach management plan continues to progress slowly due to lack of funding. The beach has recovered well and the sand has returned raising the beach levels. PS was pleased with the sand coverage over Maer rocks and some of the pipes under the lifeboat ramp were also covered with sand. TBS confirmed that the report on past events and movement of sand and the channel was being reviewed by external contractors and an update would be available in due course. SG has spoken with tourists recently who were impressed with the amount of

sand coverage. PS updated members that the buoys are being moved as the channel had changed drastically.

9. DCC: General updates

PM updated members that no reports had arisen since the last meeting and SC advised members that any issues should be reported through the DCC report a problem page.

PS queried if a 20mph restriction could be applied to the seafront to stop boy racers driving too fast. PM advised that speed restrictions do not always resolve the issue and TD confirmed that this issue should be raised as an agenda item in a more suitable working party such as Waterfront or Exmouth Transport Partnership.

CJ asked if work on modelling flood risks in low lying parts of Exmouth had started and TA advised that conversations with SWW were delayed and therefore no updates are available at this time. TA will provide an update when a model is in place but does not expect it to happen this year.

10. ETC Councillors Reports and questions to representatives of external organisations

None

11. AOB

No other business

12. 2022 meetings

12th July

29th November

The meeting ended at 14:35