

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Notes of the meeting held at 10am on 25th April 2022 as a virtual Zoom meeting.

Present

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Council (Officer)
Lisa Greenway	LG	Exmouth Town Council (Notetaker)
Adrian Toole	AT	Transition Exmouth
Keith Bungay	KB	Exmouth Community Association
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together
Dave Radford	DR	Exmouth Civic Society
Nicky Nicholls	NN	Transition Exmouth
Ellie Barnes	EB	East Devon VCSE Network Co-ordinator

Apologies

Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	Exmouth Town Council
Rev Simon Atkinson	SA	Churches Together
Graham Deasy	GD	Exmouth Community Association
Ian Cann	IC	Exmouth Civic Society
Geoff Skinner	GS	Exmouth Community Association

1. Welcome and apologies

DP welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Notes

The notes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022 were approved after amendment to item 7 was discussed and approved for update.

3. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

a) KB wanted it noted that he did not agree that the levelling up bid was potentially weakened due to the Dinan Way extension, as he believed that this would have had a positive impact on the town centre by diverting traffic away from the town.

LB updated members that progress is being made on the second round bidding application for the levelling up fund and Exmouth have now been moved from a category 3 district to a category 2. LB confirmed that feedback provided by EDDC from the unsuccessful first round suggested that the inclusion of Dinan Way possibly weakened the bid as the fund is directed at town centre regeneration therefore the criteria was not

met. LB has reached out to DCC in order to strengthen the second round proposal and has encouraged DCC to engage with Exmouth Transport Partnership.

b) TD and NN are participating in a forum meeting with DCC to provide input on behalf of the Transport Partnership and Transition Exmouth respectively and it is likely that a commitment from Exmouth Town Council for match funding from CIL funds will be requested by DCC. Members that had any points to raise were urged to contact TD prior to the meeting.

c) LB confirmed that a second meeting will be scheduled with the Town Council to discuss regeneration of Queens Drive by Jerry Mills (the new project officer for EDDC).

d) DP reminded members that Active Travel Day will take place this weekend.

e) PS confirmed that the Skateboard Jam will take place this Saturday at the skatepark in Phear Park between 12 and 4.

f) DR advised members that Exmouth RFC will be playing this Saturday the final of the Devon Senior Cup verses Exeter University at 2.30pm.

g) LB confirmed that no further update is available on the campervans as AE is not present at the meeting, although recommendations made at the Carpark TAFF which will affect the campervans will be progressing through Cabinet at EDDC. PS queried why campervans were parking for longer periods then the permitted 72 hours. LB commented that she was aware of this issue and thought that it was attributable to staffing difficulties which is causing enforcement issues.

4. Brief introduction to Ellie Barnes (East Devon VCSE Network Coordinator)

EB introduced herself and gave members an overview of her role as the East Devon Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Network Co-ordinator. EB explained that East Devon does not have a support system like the rest of Devon hence her role offers a way to collaborate, learn and share information within the care partnership, voluntary and community sector.

PS queried if the voluntary service in Ottery was still operating. EB was not aware if this service was still available but did advise that TRIP is still providing services.

AT wanted to know if the role is solely based around the health services or could it be expanded and EB advised that due to limited resources expansion would be unlikely. LB will share contact details with members.

TS attended the last VCSE meeting where a directory was discussed and wanted to know if this had been progressed any further, EB confirmed that a draft has been prepared which will be shared with members. LB queried if EB was in touch with Devon Communities Together and aware of the Pinpoint Directory. EB confirmed that they are involved in Devon Communities Together and promote their services.

EB updated members that Devon Connect are holding a virtual training café on the 23rd of May.

5. Street Scene update

No representative was in attendance to give an update and no report has been received.

6. Update from Town Council working parties and outside body representatives

Climate and Ecological Emergency WP

TD updated members that the Woodland Trust have purchased the land at Coombe Farm in Lypstone Parish which will allow them to protect trees, hedgerows and the general ecology.

The France and Germany Twinning visits planned this year will go ahead.

Fairtrade Fortnight that ran between the 21st of February and the 1st of March 2022 was a success.

Exmouth Transport Partnership

TD advised members that GWR and Stagecoach as mentioned in previous meetings are still not running at full capacity due to public transport staff shortages. Stagecoach are still not displaying up to date timetables, however the APP timetable is correct.

Developments have been made on the residents parking in Exmouth.

Waterfront WP

PS updated members that the new lifeboat ramp has been installed and during the last working party meeting (which was a seafront walk-about inspection) it was noted that more bins are required and BBQ bins will be put in place.

Hopefully the beach wheelchairs will launch in the next couple of weeks and a website booking page is being put together on the Exmouth Town Council website. Pinewood Nursing Home have already trialled the wheelchairs, although an issue has arisen with soft sand at the bottom of the hut ramp. Devon Super Heroes have kindly donated 2 extra wheelchairs. Volunteers are still needed for weekends and PS asked members if they could assist. BB was keen to volunteer. LB will add BB to the volunteer list. KB congratulated PS for all the work that had gone into the beach wheelchairs and PS thanked LB and Mollie for all their hard work.

Transition Exmouth

NN updated members that 2 e-cargo bikes are available for hire through Exmouth Cycles, one with a bucket seat in the front and the other with a longer base. Free slots are available for anyone who funded the purchase and can be redeemed through Exmouth Cycles.

Sewerage is still an ongoing issue and NN is in contact with the Avenues Group. LB advised that SWW have been invited to a second scrutiny meeting which hopefully they will attend.

NN reminded members that Active Travel Day is on the 30th of April and the event will include stalls and provide guidance and information.

BB asked if there were any updates on the toilets. LB confirmed that EDDC would be proceeding with the marketing of the category B toilets as a commercial opportunity and that there is scope for ETC to put in an offer to take on the Imperial Recreation Ground toilet and work with Transition Exmouth to create an eco hub at that site. It is envisaged that the new Climate Officer will work on this project and LB confirmed that CIL money could be used to fund the project. Exmouth Town Council will be asked to take on ownership from EDDC of the category C toilets at the railway station and Jarvis Close but this will be subject to debate at a later date in the year.

Hospital League of Friends

TS updated members that the Geoffrey Willoughby ward has been stripped down for refurbishment and will move into the Doris Heard ward. The Hospital league of Friends have committed 250K to the modernisation which they hope will be completed in September 2022. TS advised that the Hospital League of Friends need more members.

7. Agenda Items requested by ECO members:

Churches Together

a) Antisocial behaviour in Littleham – requested by TS

DP advised members that SJ has been in contact with him in respect of youths causing issues in the Littleham area. SJ confirmed he would arrange a virtual meeting with the youth groups, police and church to discuss a pro-active way to prevent further issues, DP will provide SJ with contact details for possible attendees. BB requested to attend the virtual meeting and LB suggested inviting Maddie Chapman and David Whelan from the Local Action Group. DP asked members if they knew of any other area's that had similar problems to Littleham. PS stated that youths were on top of the beach huts at the weekend and DR advised that they were having issues at the Sea Scouts as well as fires in the play park. LB confirmed that a police presence will be available in the town centre over the festival period and the security team will be made aware of possible issues being caused by youths.

Exmouth Civic Society

b) East Devon Local Plan – requested by DR and IC

DR raised concerns of further development in the Woodbury Common area and thought that empty existing buildings in Exmouth should be utilised rather than extra buildings being built in Exmouth. KB urged members to keep an eye on reports as he was also concerned over the number of houses being built. BB requested that areas being developed should be included as an item on the next meeting agenda but DP advised that as this was at pre-

consultation stage and advise members to keep an eye on the reports. BB was keen to discuss this further and queried if the item could be included in the Full Council meeting. DP will email LB after the meeting as LB had to leave early. DP confirmed that ETC will be consulted on the local plan. A conversation took place between all members about landowners putting in strategic planning sites for re-development.

8. Any other business

BB updated members that the planning meeting to discuss the continued use of the shepherd's huts at Lympstone Manor will take place on the 15th of June 2022. PS confirmed that Lympstone Manor have been hiring out the huts for the last 2 years without permission and no enforcement action has been taken.

TS confirmed that the day care centre at Morgan Court is re-opening.

9. The next meeting will take place 30th May 2022 at 10am

The meeting concluded at 11.39am