

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Notes of the meeting held at 10am on 27th June 2022 as a virtual Zoom meeting.

Present

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Frank Cullis	FC	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	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
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together
Geoff Skinner	GS	Exmouth Community Association
Graham Deasy	GD	Exmouth Community Association

Apologies

Councillor Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council
Rev Simon Atkinson	SA	Churches Together
Simon Kennedy	SK	East Devon District Council (Streetscene)
Andrew Gordon-Raby	AGR	East Devon District Council (Streetscene)
Tom Wood	TW	East Devon District Council (Streetscene)
Ian Cann	IC	Exmouth Civic Society

1. Welcome and apologies

DP welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. To agree the notes of the previous meeting on the 30th of May 2022

The notes from the 30th of May 2022 were approved.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

TS confirmed that the Annual Civic Service held on the 4th of June was reasonably attended but was disappointed by the lack of councillors attending. LB advised that it was her understanding that the invitation was for the mayor and did not extend to Full Council; it was also Exmouth festival that weekend so a particularly busy time.

4. Update on the developing Local Plan

LB advised that no further updates have been received from EDDC and DP will keep members informed of any developments.

5. Levelling up update

LB updated members that Full Council have agreed match funding of 400K to be taken from the Town Council's CIL fund towards the 1.8 million required. LB advised members that the pros and cons were debated at Full Council and that Exmouth has moved from a category 3 town to a category 2, which potentially increases its chances of success. The application is also shovel ready and can be delivered in a short space of time as planning is in place so it is hoped that it will be successful. However, we will not find out until around August 2022. GS confirmed that the deadline for applications is the 6th of July 2022.

AT queried what happened to previous schemes such as Bapton Valley and LB advised that 170K has already been set aside for this scheme. Delays have arisen as EDDC who own the land do not have the capacity to help deliver this scheme at present and we are unable to progress the project without the landowner's help. LB confirmed that the Dinan Way scheme has technically been awaiting longer than the Bapton Valley Park scheme but due to recruitment issues within EDDC this has had a knock-on effect.

6. Update on the SWW sewage discharge concerns

DP confirmed that the issue with sewerage, tankers and Goodmores has been raised at Full Council and hopes to raise this matter at the next EDDC scrutiny meeting once the date is confirmed.

BB raised concerns in respect of treatment plants not working in other areas and sewage being imported into Exmouth as well as raw sewerage being discharged, not always in storm conditions. BB was keen for ETC to put pressure on EDDC, SWW and our local MP to investigate this further.

7. Street Scene update

No representatives were available to join the meeting however TW advised in an email prior to the meeting that there were no updates to report.

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

Queens Drive

AB updated members that EDDC cabinet have changed the Queens Drive Delivery Group name to Placemaking in Exmouth Town and the Seafront Group. Public consultations will be held on Thursday the 14th of July, from 7pm-9pm, and on Sunday 31st of July, from 10am-12pm, at Exmouth's Ocean. DP confirmed that Gerry Mills is hosting a workshop tonight for Town Councillors in the Town Hall from 6pm. AB advised that all the views gathered will be used to help shape developments in Exmouth town centre and seafront in the future.

Exmouth Transport Partnership

TD was not present at the meeting, however provided the following report which was circulated to members after the meeting:

Our recent meeting was useful, but progress on important issues, eg public transport remains slow - as well as ongoing strikes on the railway which forced the non-attendance of GWR, the local branch has still not received all the trains it needs to give a full quota of coaches, which has caused real problems at rush hours. Stagecoach also has staff shortages necessitating continuing reduced timetables, and ongoing disruption, late buses etc. There was a Stagecoach rep at the meeting, who said action would be taken to update timetables at bus stops - a long standing problem.

The CCIF grant bid process via GWR has been reopened, and Town Council is hoping to resubmit its bid last made in 2017. It would be possible to do this even though some elements of improvements around the station could overlap with elements of the developing Levelling Up bid in that area.

Twinning

TD was not present at the meeting, however provided the following report which was circulated to members after the meeting:

Our German Twinners arrive for their first visit in 3 years on July 13th, staying until the 18th.

Hospital League of Friends

TS stated has no updates, but the next WEB board meeting will be held next week.

Exmouth Community Association

DP advised that ECA is holding its AGM at the deaf academy on the 30th of June 2022. GS confirmed that Councillors from ETC, EDDC and DCC were hoping to attend the event which will take place from 6.15pm in the main hall.

9. Any other business

TS requested that his gratitude be passed onto Exmouth in Bloom and the ground maintenance team in respect of all the work that has gone into the flower displays in and around Exmouth.

10. Next meeting 25th July 2022

The meeting concluded at 10:38am