

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Community Organisation Liaison Panel (COLP)

Notes of the meeting held at 10am on 16th January 2023 in the Town Hall Chamber

Present

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)
Dave Radford	DR	Exmouth Civic Society
Graham Deasy	GD	Exmouth Community Association
Geoff Skinner	GS	Exmouth Community Association
Peter Crofts	PC	East Devon District Council (Streetscene)
Lisa Greenway	LG	Exmouth Town Council (Note-taker)

Apologies

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Frank Cullis	FCu	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Aurora Bailey	AB	Exmouth Town Council
Adrian Toole	AT	Transition Exmouth
Ian Cann	IC	Exmouth Civic Society
Tony Siddall	TS	Churches Together
Andrew Gordon-Raby	AGR	East Devon District Council (Streetscene)
Tom Wood	TW	East Devon District Council (Streetscene)
Nicky Nicholls	NN	Transition Exmouth
Carol Jay	CJ	Transition Exmouth

1. Welcome and apologies

PS welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. To agree the notes of the previous meeting on the 28th of November 2022

BB proposed and TD seconded the accuracy of the notes dated the 28th of November.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

TD updated members that a Warm Space list has been made available and the library are providing warm coats. DR was impressed with the substantial list and PS requested that the list should be shared via social media. BB queried if any funding would be available to help heat the warm spaces, LB advised that councils legally cannot financially support warm spaces provided by churches as financial support by town and parish councils is unlawful (only closed churchyards). LB will circulate the legal topic relating to financial support for churches to councillors.

4. To note the Local Government Election timetable of proceedings for May 2023

LB provided councillors with the dates of proceedings which have not significantly changed, despite the Coronation, and confirmed that counting cannot take place on Saturday due to the Coronation. Councillors will take up post on Tuesday due to the bank holiday.

5. To receive an update on CCTV provision in Exmouth

LB updated members that a contract has been signed with Torbay Council to act as the CCTV data processor which will start from next week. Torbay Council will monitor the cameras on Friday and Saturday nights between 8pm and 2am and deal with the data access requests.

LB gave a brief outline of how the CCTV was originally set up and confirmed that the package purchased includes 12 hours of monitoring per week and an obligation to fulfil data access requests on an as needs basis. LB confirmed that Torbay already acts as the data processor for CCTV operations for Okehampton Town Council, Dartmouth Town Council and its own Torbay areas and have direct contact with the police.

BB queried if the package included bank holidays, LB confirmed that monitoring will be on Friday and Saturday's only, but we can request to have the system monitored on a Sunday as long as it does not exceed our data allowance. LB advised that data usage is run through a sim on a secure network supplied by WCCTV and is limited to 10GB per camera per month on a five year contract.

LB further explained that the system is still recording 24/7 but will only be proactively monitored by an actual person between 8pm and 2am Friday and Saturday, although these times can be reviewed. As the CCTV system records 24/7, data access requests can be requested by the police for incidents captured outside of the monitored hours.

PC queried the times as he thought monitoring between the hours of 10pm and 4am would be more suitable and TD agreed as the night-time economy has got later. LB confirmed that hours of monitoring could be changed if beneficial, but had been agreed following a discussion with the police and would be reviewed after 3-4 months.

TD queried the high resolution versus low resolution and LB confirmed that viewing footage in low resolution uses less data, but if needed for evidential purposes downloads can be made in high resolution. LB updated members that 8 cameras are located within the town and 2 are located on the seafront.

6. Update on the Developing Local Plan

LB confirmed that consultation ended yesterday, and the draft report was agreed and signed off at Full Council on the 9th of January. LB will finish the meeting notes today which will then be put onto the website. TD asked GS what his take was on the Local Plan, GS was happy with the comments that went in. LB confirmed that a press release will go out which will have a link to the notes and appendix.

7. Discuss the future of the Magnolia Centre

TD confirmed that this item was requested by AT who in his absence has given a list of questions that Transition Exmouth would like answered.

- Who took the Magnolia clock

TD confirmed that the clock was removed as it was no longer functional. It had taken some time to establish who had erected it and now owned it but the Town Council had eventually removed it on safety grounds.

- Where is the concorde structure

TD confirmed that the owners removed it to carry out repairs which are now completed and they have requested to re-install it. LB advised that there should be no objection to this.

- Can we have the telephone box replaced with a red phone box

LB confirmed that we are unable to request a red box as BT do not manufacture them anymore.

LB updated members that a planning application has been received to increase the height of the buildings on farmshop side of Chapel Street to incorporate flats above the retail units. PS raised concerns that the planning application did not provide for affordable housing.

A debate followed in which LB advised that the Magnolia Centre is privately owned by 3 or 4 people, although the middle walkway (Chapel Street) is still designated as highway. GS expressed disappointment that M & Co was closing and stated that he would like more shops to be concentrated in the Magnolia Centre rather than spread along roads on the outskirts. PS thought that shops located out of the centre of town were popular shopping areas as it allowed people to park outside the shops therefore being more accessible. DR queried what EDDC wanted to achieve with the Magnolia Centre and LB confirmed that EDDC have limited influence over this land as they do not have ownership however, they do own the London Inn carpark. Scope is therefore limited.

8. Street Scene update

AT requested, in his absence, an update on the heras fencing sited at the Imperial Recreation Ground and quality of road at the estuary end. PC confirmed that the heras fencing belongs to EDDC and is temporary while waiting for posts to be installed to prevent travellers and members of the public parking illegally.

PC updated members that sand clearance has been completed and jetting of the tidal defence drains at Rodney Close and the Maer have also been completed. IC had previously queried the maintenance of trees. PC was aware that a few trees planted had died but confirmed that bare root whip trees will be used to replace these and they should look after themselves as whips look for their own water source.

GS raised concerns over a couple of panels of heras fencing on the seafront near the beach wheelchair hut which are blocking the pavement. LB confirmed that the fencing was used as a barrier to stop people parking as this area previously housed picnic tables which have now gone. PC will investigate this further and tidy up if required. PS queried when the 2 disabled parking spaces would be painted by EDDC for the beach wheelchair users. LB confirmed that cones were put out so that work could take place, but they disappeared. LB will arrange for more cones to be put out and ask MC to contact Jackie Collins in EDDC parking to follow this up.

LB updated members that the results of the Placemaking Consultation for Exmouth have been published on the EDDC website and can be found in the Placemaking Minutes-October 2022-Summary of all consultations-Pages 13-141 (relates to Exmouth).

BB asked for an update from the Sea Scouts. DR updated members that the boathouse is being demolished to put in the foundations and that various parties are working on different parts. The Gordon Mather Trust have agreed to fund 300K with the promise that the building will be named the Gordon Mather Building, 60K will come from other funding. DR is happy with the support received by the council.

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

Waterfront

PS advised that the rails at the lifeboat station are in situ, and that EDDC had reported back that they are not worried about the state of the sea wall as it is only cosmetic. A new flagpole has been requested. PS queried the future of the toilets sited at Orcombe Point as they have been marketed for commercial use as part of the EDDC public toilet review. PC will investigate this further.

S106

PS had no updates as no meetings have taken place due to the lack of EDDC officers available, TD updated members that a new EDDC engineer officer has been recruited. BB queried if S106 money could be frozen and queried whether there was a risk of monies needing to be returned to developers. LB confirmed that any money must be spent within 5 years of receipt but since the Council has already committed funds (to the Liverton junction improvements, Levelling Up Fund and Phear Park skatepark improvements), there is no risk of monies needing to be returned at this time.

Exmouth Transport Partnership (ETP)

TD confirmed that the December meeting was cancelled due to public transport strikes and the office being busy and the March meeting may be brought forward. ETP has been approached by The Enhanced Bus Partnership which was set up by the government to increase the popularity of buses and has asked an ETP representative to join the group. TD agreed to be the representative.

Climate & Ecological Emergency (CEE)

TD advised that the new climate officer attended the CEE meeting on the 6th of December 2022 and will be working 3 days per week. TD is currently involved with the Call of Nature project, a joint initiative with Transition Exmouth to turn the Imperial Rec toilets into an ECO hub.

Trees

TD updated members that a new EDDC tree officer has been appointed at EDDC. TD thanked Jane Habermehl from Tree Buddies who helped Marpool school children plant trees in Moorfield Road. TD also commented that he was pleased that Jan Gannaway has won a prestigious award for active travel and the wildlife group.

Plastic Free Exmouth

TD confirmed that Exmouth Community College are now recognised as a plastic free school and made members aware of the Mushroom Network which is about food poverty, food waste and sustainability.

10. Any other business

No other business.

11. Next meeting

20th February 2023

The meeting concluded at 11:35am