

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party

Notes of the meeting held at 6pm on Tuesday 05th September 2023 in the Town Hall

Present

Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Mike Rosser	MR	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Andrew Toye	AT	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Daniel Wilson	DW	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Andrew Woodward	AW	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Graham Deasy	GD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Louise Venables	LV	Exmouth Town Council
Nicky Nicholls	NN	Transition Exmouth Chair
Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Council
Zoey Cooper	ZC	Exmouth Town Council
Roshni Vemulamanda	RV	Exmouth Town Council

Apologies

Catherine Causley	CC	East Devon District Council
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1. Welcome and apologies

TD welcomed all members to the meeting and apologies were noted. Roshni Vemulamanda introduced herself as the new Climate and Ecological Emergency Resilience Intern.

2. Approval of previous meeting notes held on 25th July 2023 and matters arising therein

The notes of the previous meeting held on 6th June 2023 were proposed for approval by GD, seconded by AT, and agreed by all. There were no matters arising.

3. To receive an update from ZC update regarding

- **Samudra** – additional signposting is required to reduce contamination. ZC to find out what Streetscene has planned for plastic recycling at Sideshore over the winter.
- **Exmouth Cup** – there was a discussion over whether to move to a new supplier for the remaining cups. The new supplier will introduce recycled Polypropylene cups in Q2 next year, has a lot of experience in this area and is keen to partner with a local council. However, there would be a 12 week (minimum) wait for these cups. And they are manufactured in China. There was therefore a consensus to stick with the original supplier to expedite the launch of the cups

and retain the current branding. With a view to considering the new supplier at a later stage.

- **Climate Action Plan** – ZC has updated the status of each item in the plan and simplified the document in order to upload it to the website. ZC has also added sections from the Plant Based Treaty that ETC can align with. Action: ZC to circulate the updated Climate Action Plan.
 - The website – ZC is updating the ETC website with more information about ETC's climate strategy and plan. And to include a regular newsletter. It was agreed to have a further discussion with Transition Exmouth regarding the future of Our Place Our Planet website. Meeting date to be agreed.
 - There was a lengthy debate about the Eco Hub and how/if it continued to be a focus for the Climate Action Plan since both ETC and EDDC have declined to support the proposal in its current state. LB explained she has a meeting with Tim Child mid-September to better understand EDDC's position and potential commitment. It was agreed that pending the meeting with TC, another should be called specifically to decide whether to pursue the Eco Hub project in some shape or form. Or to put the project to bed and consider other ways in which to meet the deliverables.

July/August outreach – during these months outreach has included ZC giving a short talk at Littleham Fayre, an interview on East Devon Radio, a stall at Sideshore during the festival, hosting the Sideshore Shore Talks, supporting the community college with SDGs during their activity week and meeting with Florin Orasanu regarding a film he's making about Exmouth and Climate Change.

- **The Sustainability Award** – ETC sponsored the award this year (£599), ZC worked with them on the criteria for judging, spoke at the launch of the event and offered a free workshop for local businesses to attend. However, there were only x7 entrants, ETC is not given sight of the entries and is wondering if the £599 could be better spent in order to help businesses measure their carbon footprint.

4. To discuss an idea for ETC to fund a film screening

There is a film festival starting 24th November this year and ZC suggested that ETC sponsors a climate film during the festival. A document containing film titles and summaries had been circulated. There was a consensus that the concept is good in principle, the film should be generic rather than topic specific (e.g. the film 2040), and we could invite a speaker/host a panel discussion. ZC will continue to research films and costs, to present at the next CEE WP meeting.

5. To agree progress on a Tree Forum.

It was agreed that the next step is for ZC to draft Terms of Reference to discuss and agree at the next CEE WP meeting. And for ZC to circulate the list of people she has already invited to a Tree Forum (date pending) for councillors to make further recommendations for invitees.

6. To summarise DCE's recent climate and ecological emergency actions

Devon County Council and Devon Climate Emergency both have newsletters that are worth all councillors reading to stay on top of climate and biodiversity-related initiatives. There isn't currently a forum for climate officers across the county.

DCE: [Devon County Council \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com)

DCC: [News from Devon County Council](#)

7. To receive an update from EDDC.

No update from EDDC.

8. To receive an update from Transition Exmouth.

NN spoke about the Festival of the Exe (September 18th – 24th): [Festival – Friends of the River Exe](#).

NN confirmed she would be stepping down as chair of Transition Exmouth from the end of the year. Discussions are ongoing regarding the future shape of Transition.

9. To receive an update on other relevant matters from Town Council working parties and outside body representatives.

No updates were received.

10. Dates of future meetings

3rd October 2023 (10-11.30am zoom meeting)

7th November 2023 (6-7.30pm in person meeting)

5th December 2023 (10-11.30am zoom meeting)

Meeting ended at 7.35pm