EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Waterfront Working Party

Notes of the meeting held at 10am on Tuesday 13th January 2026 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Pauline Stott	ST	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Graham Deasy	GD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Tim Dumper	TD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Ian Kirvan	IK	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Mark Williamson	MW	Exmouth Town Council
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council
Sam Dorman (note taker)	SD	Exmouth Town Council
Pete Blyth	PB	East Devon District Council
Andy Gordan-Raby	AGR	East Devon District Council

Apologies

Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Councillor
Victoria Saunders	VS	East Devon District Council

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

PS welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. **To approve the notes of the last meeting dated 17th June 2025 and the inspection form dated 16th September 2025, and matters arising from therein**

The notes of the previous meeting and the inspection form were proposed for approval by TD, seconded by MW and agreed by all.

Updates from Inspection Form dated 16th September 2025

Large sign Orcombe Point – Awaiting installation.

Steps Orcombe Point – Will not be re-opened.

Life Buoy Orcombe Point – Issue rectified by PB.

Wooden signpost (trees need cutting back) – Work completed.

Graffiti on Traffic Island no33 – Cleaned.

Potholes near roundabout Orcombe Point – Previously repaired; pothole has reappeared.

Weeds around benches – Cleared previously; regrowth noted. Will be addressed when seasonal staff return.

Cracks in wall opposite beach – Engineer confirmed cracks are cosmetic only, not structural.

Missing dog sign – Replacement planned for the start of the season.

Missing benches – Will be reinstated subject to capacity.

Lines on disabled bays – Work has begun near the Lifeboat Station, but the bays further along toward Orcombe Point have almost completely worn away. MW has raised the issue with DCC Highways.

Graffiti on shelter near Fortes – Cleaned.

Beach sign (bent) – Currently on order.

Matting on slipway – Scheduled for installation at the start of the season.

The Foxholes car park owned by EDDC will be re-surfaced w/c 16th January and once this is completed the lines will be repainted.

3. **To receive an updated on the application for blue flag for Exmouth beach.**

PB updated members that arranging an external meeting with good attendance has been difficult. He is now aiming to schedule one in March, ahead of the season's start. He has also submitted the Blue Flag application for Exmouth and expects to hear the outcome in mid-April, although the result cannot be made public until mid-May because of an embargo.

4. **To discuss beach signage regarding potential pollution incidents.**

PB confirmed that no additional signs will be installed. Following advice from an EDDC appointed barrister, he will revise the wording to make it more specific. Members also raised questions about the electronic sign and whether repairs are planned. PB explained that it will be fixed before the season begins, as attempting repairs in the current weather would likely lead to further faults.

5. **To receive an update from EDDC Streetscene on seafront, bins, toilets, and beach signs**

AGR is currently waiting for confirmation on the number of seasonal workers expected for the upcoming season.

Members discussed the situation with the public showers. PB confirmed that the Octagon shower is currently being dealt with by his colleague and he will follow this up. Members also noted the ongoing issue around public access to the Sideshore showers, which PB explained is outside his control. It was highlighted that the original planning application for the Water Users' Centre included provision for public

showers and toilets, yet the showers are not currently accessible to the public. It was agreed that CJ would contact Councillor Nicky Nicholls and Councillor Anne Hall to explore whether these facilities could be made publicly available.

ACTION: CJ to email Councillor Nicky Nicholls and Councillor Anne Hall to enquire about the public using the Sideshore showers.

6. **Any other business**

No other business.

7. **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for 10th March 2026 at 10am, as a walkabout meeting, starting at Sideshore.