EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Town Maintenance Overview Working Party

Informal notes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026 at 10am via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Ian Kirvan	IK	Exmouth Town Council (Chair)
Councillor Dianne Conduit	DC	Exmouth Town Council
Chetna Jones	CJ	Exmouth Town Council

Apologies

Councillor Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Councillor David Poor	DP	Exmouth Town Council

1. **Welcome and apologies**

IK welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.

2. **To approve the notes of the meeting held on 5th February 2026 and any matters arising therein**

As the meeting was not quorate the meeting proceeded on an informal basis for information only, and the approval of the previous meeting notes from the 5th of February 2026 were postponed.

A general discussion was held about the state of the seafront, littered with rubbish and the bins overflowing and the toilets at full capacity following the Easter weekend. It was noted that without the Town Council's financial contribution to EDDC to enable the Maer Toilets to be kept open from 1st April to 30th September the queues for the toilets would have been a lot worse. DC agreed she would speak with the Town Clerk regarding improving signage at Foxholes toilets to help people locate additional toilets, particularly those on the Maer. She would also ask if an SLA agreement was in place as there was concern regarding the maintenance of the Maer toilet blocks.

It was noted that the bin and litter situation around Tower Street and the back of the Strand was vastly improved and it was hoped it would remain this way.

3. **To receive an update on the graffiti within Exmouth**

IK will email CJ with details of graffiti.

4. **To receive an update on grass cutting.**

Members reviewed the recent grass-cutting work, noting clear improvements but identifying several areas that still require attention particularly along Dinan Way at the junction with St John's Road, where overhanging vegetation is making it difficult for contractors to cut the grass effectively. CJ plans to visit the affected locations to assess the situation firsthand and may raise visibility concerns with Devon County Council. She also intends to follow up on the missed March grass cut, which should have been completed before the April schedule began.

5. To receive an update on general Town Maintenance work

CJ reported that the second cycle of road weed clearing has been completed and the third round is starting, with plans to use the road sweeper over summer to manage the weeds.

IK said that traffic-island weeding was needed particularly at Littleham Cross and CJ agreed to note the traffic island weed management for future action.

The flower towers needed some attention. Due to staffing issues watering has only been able to take place today (Thursday). More watering will be done tomorrow (Friday) as well as additional work to deadhead which will help revive them.

6. Any other business

East Devon District Council has agreed that it will only consider public toilets as community asset transfer to town and parish councils. Both IK and DC felt that if the Town Council resolved to take on the provision of public toilets this needed to be an additional service to general town maintenance with additional staff and maintenance plans etc. It was suggested a small TAFF be set at the time when EDDC engages with the Town Council to review public toilets to agree a priority list of toilets to be taken on/kept open and which will need urgent repair. Surveys will need to be carried out on these toilets to identify the state of each building and understand all risks. It was also important to engage with residents on the options available to enable budgets to be agreed, all prior to next April (tbc).

DC reported that beer barrels had been left outside the Heavitree pub, and it was agreed that DC would take photographs and send them to CJ for reporting to DCC.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 10:00am via Zoom.