

Notes of 18th meeting, 10.00am Wednesday 15th February 2017, Exmouth Town Council, 44 Rolle Street.**PRESENT**

Roy Pryke	RP	NPSG Chairman
Ian Cann	IC	NPSG Vice-Chairman
Mark Williamson	MW	Champion of Neighbourhood Planning for East Devon, & Littleham Ward Councillor
Pat Graham	PG	Exmouth Town Ward Councillor
Rob Masding	RM	Transition Exmouth (TE), & Exmouth Town Ward Councillor
Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Halsdon Ward Councillor
Bruce de Saram	BdS	Exmouth Littleham Ward Councillor (from 11.45am)
Keith Bungay	KB	Exmouth Community Association
Tim Clatworthy	TC	Exmouth NP Project Administrator

1. APOLOGIES

Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Clerk
Rev. James Hutchings	JH	Churches Together
Cherry Nicholas	CN	Exmouth Brixington Councillor
Brian Bailey	BB	Exmouth Withycombe Ward Councillor

2. NOTES OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 17th meeting held on Wednesday 11th January were received as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

1. Angie Drummond is unable to contribute at this stage due to pressure of work, but JT is back next week.
2. **Community Assets: TC to email current version to NPSG.**
3. Town Council Action Plan to be discussed at upcoming Lib Dems & Conservative groups meetings; NPSG must make sure our ideas are not in conflict with theirs. **RP to talk with LB about this.**

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Nothing to add from last meeting. Grant application to be tendered in next financial year.

5. REPORT FROM DOP MEETING OF 7TH FEBRUARY

See attached notes. Item numbers below refer to item numbers in attached DOP meeting notes.

3. **Natural Environment:** See Agenda item 6 – report from TE meeting.
4. **Built Environment:** Chapel Hill roundabout: DCC's suggestion to pedestrianise it was turned down by the public, and coaches approaching from the seafront need that roundabout to enter Imperial Hotel carpark. DCC will be reluctant to change anything at this point as they have just finished their Highways Assessment. 'Town enhancement': the public want several areas to be improved; these will be included in Policy EB12.
5. "What is the Neighbourhood Plan?" section: **TC agreed to write this.**
6. **DOP Front Cover:** Agreed that our Vision Statement should provide the centre point, orbited by the chapter titles (e.g. Housing, Environment etc) in bubbles as in our current display board. Background could be an iconic image of Exmouth, e.g. a sunset over the estuary and Haldon hills, but should include persons engaged in sporting/leisure activities. Also agreed that the cover should present Exmouth as forward-looking rather than nostalgic, and perhaps include something controversial to induce people to pick it up. **Anyone with interesting digital images to forward to TC please.**
7. **Introductory Geographical Description:** IC has drafted a new version, but any **new suggestions welcomed via TC.** The Exe Estuary Management Group have just produced a new plan, elements of which may enrich this section and **members are encouraged to consult this plan.**
8. **Climate Change, Sustainability & Renewable Energy:** Andy Lock's contribution expected by end of February. New 'green' technologies such as those newly employed at 102 St Andrews Rd (www.midasgroup.co.uk/news/?id=733) were welcomed. In discussing alternative and future means of energy saving and production it was pointed out that the estuary is a shared resource. We were reminded that EDDC's role is to promote and assist the creation of Exmouth's NP and ensure its compliance within the Local Plan, and that it was very important indeed that we listen to the local community.
9. **Housing:** The (1) Avenues Design Statement, (2) Shop Front Guide and (3) proposed Conservation Areas to be placed in the DOP appendix. CN is in discussions with EDDC's Conservation Officer re. Bystock as a Conservation area. In the case of our NP being turned down, (1) and (2) will remain unaffected as they are stand-alone documents.

10. Economy and Employment: Ian MacQueen and the Chamber of Commerce to be fully involved in the next stage. Final version to go to Kerry Denton of DCC as Rob Murray is unavailable before July. It is intended to include Jurassic Coast considerations into this section.
11. Getting About: Access Strategy: Jan Gannaway/John Petty's contributions much appreciated, and will be discussed with them at the next DOP meeting, along with Roma Patten to add in her thoughts on 'Getting About'; Roma to be a witness on the Transport section.
12. Community Facilities and Public Services: Section headings agreed, with 'Parks' being included into 'Playing Fields and Leisure', and 'Toilets' (which constitute a land-use issue) to be included into Facilities.

Making Things Happen:

First sift with TS likely within 4 weeks; he will want to see the DOP beforehand. EDDC may filter out some items as not being relevant, but the points may still be important to the Exmouth populace and we should honour them in an appropriate way.

NPSG wanted to record their thanks and appreciation of DOP Group's excellent work.

6. REPORT FROM MEETING WITH TE (TRANSITION EXMOUTH) OF 7TH FEBRUARY

See attached notes. Item numbers below refer to item numbers in attached TE meeting notes.

4. Eco-Label: It was suggested this might be a theme to be included, and that we should combine practicality with aspiration and vision. IC added that 40 years ago, advocates of recycling and alternative energy were regarded as beyond the Pale; current innovations will seem the same to our contemporaries. KB had observed that younger generations are more aware than older ones of eco-living and that we should encourage it, and them. Re. 'green' technologies included in the construction of Plumb Park, MW informed us that CDE are keen on high environmental and sustainability standards. We were reminded of the masterplan for the Camperdown-Station Square-Mudbank Lane area - that it could become a focus for healthier living and even the hub of the town.

7. REPORT FROM BANES NP CONFERENCE IN BATH, 25TH JANUARY

See attached notes. Item numbers below refer to item numbers in attached Banes Event notes.

2. "Don't Lose the Plot": i.e. we must deliver not what EDDC or ETC want, but what Exmouth wants.
5. CIL & the Government's New Housing Policy: BdS was to explain this to NPSG, but was delayed by a previous meeting.
6. Form & Location of Housing: 25% of housing demand is for 1-bed flats; followed by 2-bed flats.
10. Habitats & Local Involvement: Positive notes: Exmouth in Bloom and Exmouth Tidy Group are doing excellent work around the town, and the Exe Estuary Management Committee are clearing the estuary. It is hoped that the NP will stimulate Ward-level and pan-Exmouth action. MW added that Countryside Services are to produce 2 study guides – one for adults, one for children – for the Valley Parks.

8. NP SURVEY REVIEW COMMENTS

TC asked members to send in their final chosen comments from the Survey within a week of receiving these notes.

9. NPSG MEMBERS' EXMOUTH 'CREDENTIALS'

TC's précis of members' life stories was added to – updated version attached to these notes.

10. UPDATES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

- a) BdS to write a piece (to pass on to RM) explaining that NP is addressing issues on behalf of the whole town including, but not only, the seafront, and that QDD is not synonymous with the seafront.
- b) TC suggestion: can the "Positive notes" in 7 (10) be added to our website & other social media?
- c) RM to use DOP documents for our website and for Facebook, etc.
- d) IC requested that all suggestions be passed to TC for inclusion in NPAT discussions, and from there to RM.

11. AOB

- a) BdS suggestion: that the pan-Exmouth consultation could include 'break-out' sessions for each Ward with local Councillors.
- b) IC pointed out that we were 2 Councillors short today and that buddies were not present.
- c) IC had confirmed that we could have a suite at Ocean for £300, but we needed to specify a date urgently due to competition for the space.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS – all meetings on TUESDAYS, starting at 10.00am, in ETC meeting room.

March 14 th	April 11th	May 9th	June 13th	July 11th
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This meeting closed at 12.30pm.