

**EXMOUTH REGNERATION PROGRAMMEBOARD
ACTION POINTS FROM A MEETING
HELD AT ROYAL BEACON HOTEL, EXMOUTH ON FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present:

Councillor Andrew Moulding	ATM	EDDC
Graham Godbeer	GG	EDDC
Timothy Wood	TW	EDDC
Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Bernard Hughes	BH	Devon County Council
Eileen Wragg	EW	Devon County Council
Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
John Wokersein	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Ian Harrison	IH	Devon County Council
Steve Turner	ST	Devon County Council
Tony Alexander	TA	Exmouth Community College
Jamie Buckley	JB	Engagement & Gunding Officer, EDDC
Neil Downes	ND	Exe Estuary Management Partnership
Roy Pryke	RP	REL
Richard Cohen	RC	Deputy Chief Executive, EDDC
Donna Best	DB	Principal Estates Surveyor, EDDC
Chris Lane	CL	EDDC
Ed Freeman	EF	Principal Planning Officer, EDDC
Nick Stephen	NS	Communications Officer, EDDC

The meeting started at 9.15am and finished at 11.30am.

Item	Notes/Decisions	Action
1.Introduction	Councillor Andrew Moulding welcomed all those present to the meeting.	
2. Report of meeting held on 2 June 2011	The report of the meeting held on 2 June 2011, was confirmed and signed as a true record subject to the addition of SG's apologies.	To note
3. Matter Arising	<p><u>Masterplanning and Development Brief Work.</u> (Min 4)</p> <p>DB reported that the next step for the Rugby Club was for them to go to their members with the proposals for relocation.</p> <p><u>Slipway</u> (Min 4)</p> <p>DB reported that negotiations were ongoing with potential partners regarding their investing in improvements to Mamhead Slipway.</p> <p><u>The Strand</u> (Min 5)</p> <p>It was noted that there were no signs prohibiting cyclists and skateboarders in The Strand This</p>	

	<p>prevented the Police from taking action against offenders, despite prohibitive bylaws being in place.</p> <p>ACTION EDDC and DCC to discuss whose responsibility it was to erect appropriate signage in the Strand.</p> <p><u>Orcombe Point (Min 6)</u></p> <p>EW reported that the Orcombe Point Jurassic Interpretation scheme was estimated to cost £400K and that the possibility of DCC transferring £100K of this budget to Seaton had been avoided.</p> <p>Action that a presentation from 3D Bright and DCC on Orcombe Point Jurassic Interpretation scheme be made at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on 1 December.</p>	<p>EDDC/DCC</p> <p>DB</p>
<p>4. Masterplan</p>	<p>a) <u>Consultation</u></p> <p>DB reported on the consultation process that had been happening in Exmouth on the Draft Master Plan prepared by LDA Design. It was noted that this was almost complete and had been favourably received by many Exmouth residents, with 200 written responses and 80 online. Consultation closed on Monday. Students at Exmouth Community College would consider it on the 28 September.</p> <p>All the comments received on the Master Plan would be given to LDA Design for their consideration.</p> <p>Action Arrange a special meeting of the Board on 10 November 2011 (time to be agreed) to consider responses to consultation on the Draft Master Plan.</p> <p>JB was thanked for the excellent work she had undertaken on the consultation process.</p> <p>b) <u>Emerging Priorities and progress</u></p> <p>DB reported on the emerging priorities and progress. The priorities had been identified in the Master Plan and through consultation.</p> <p>c) <u>Next Steps</u></p> <p>DB reported on the next steps for the Master Plan. Once the draft Master Plan had been agreed it would be considered by a special meeting of the Development Management Committee at EDDC.</p>	<p>CL</p>

5. Rolle College

It was accepted that traffic issues were a significant issue for the Master Plan and that DCC Highways needed to provide appropriate guidance on their implications. Residents expected to see progress with work and it was important from a PR point of view that progress on the Master Plan scheme was made.

a) REL Presentation

Members received a presentation from RP on the possible future use of the part of the Rolle College site owned by Plymouth University for education and other uses. RP confirmed that very good support had been received from EDDC, ETC, John Hart Leader of DCC and Hugo Swire MP for the project.

REL was now close to finalising the draft agreement with the University of Plymouth for use of part of the site for a minimum of three years. Several organisations had expressed interest and indications were that the new Rolle Centre would be well occupied and also used by September 2012, for community activities, conferences, theatrical performances, concerts and exhibitions.

It was noted that there were three significant partnerships: Exmouth Community College, DCC and De Vere Academy of Hospitality.

b) Discussion

Members discussed the presentation by RP on proposals for the Rolle College site.

TA commented that it would be a decision of the Governing Body whether to use the facilities at the Rolle College site. If a positive decision was made it was likely that between 130-160, 16-19 year old students would move to the site for their further education. There were also issues of the costs of running the site, such as utilities and caretaking to consider and also issues of safeguarding students and duties of care.

The following comments were amongst those made:

- There was the need for apprenticeship training in Exmouth for students without the need for travelling.
- Importance of rebalancing the age profile of the

	<p>town and improving the skills base.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De Vere Academy of Hospitality would cover 35% of the occupation area if they agreed to occupy the site for their catering training. • RP to talk to JB regarding funding possibilities. • How would you try and get students who currently attended Exeter College to stay in Exmouth? By providing a good quality of education and a range of courses. Students did not want to travel to Exeter but would prefer to stay in Exmouth for their education. <p>RP was thanked for his presentation.</p> <p>(JME declared a personal interest in this item as a Governor of Exmouth Community College and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee).</p>	
<p>6. The Strand</p>	<p>DB reported that the plans for the Multipurpose Building on the Strand would be considered by Cabinet, along with other aspects of the Strand enhancement, including cleaning, at its meeting on 5 October. Street Scene had been asked to consider further the issuing of keeping the area clean.</p> <p>PS asked if more trees and bedding plants would be added and there was also the issue of up lighting of the trees. These issues would be considered by Street Scene.</p> <p>Action Street Scene to pursue issue of provision of more bedding plants and up lighting if trees</p> <p>The importance of obtaining a Premises Licence for the area was emphasised, particularly as the original application, prepared by a private firm of solicitors, had been rejected by the Licensing Authority.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Street Scene</p>
<p>7. Brief Updates</p>	<p>a) <u>Business Improvement District</u></p> <p>JW reported on progress made on the BID through Exmouth Town Council. Lucy Ball had completed a feasibility study, which would be considered by an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council on 3 October. The recommendation of the report to this meeting would be to proceed with the BID. If the BID was approved then the next step was to form a company and appoint a manager. A ballot would take amongst local businesses in Oct/Nov 2012.</p>	

The following comments were amongst those made:

- A campaign against the BID amongst local small businesses had already started and an anonymous leaflet produced.
- EDDC would also have to pay towards the BID as it paid NDR for its car parks and Exmouth Town Hall. EDDC would also be paying for the administration costs of achieving BID status for Exmouth.
- Businesses in favour of the BID should prepare their own pro BID leaflet.
- The importance of recruiting the right person to manage the project and get decisions made. There was strong support for an Exmouth BID from the Chamber of Commerce.
- The need for all businesses to pay the same percentage of the NDR towards the BID.
- DCC Cabinet had voted in favour of supporting BID's across Devon. Newton Abbot was currently going through the process.

b) Local Plan

RC reported that EDDC were currently holding LDF Panels on weekly basis. This week the Panel had discussed the 7 towns in East Devon and lively debate had ensued. It was intended to go take a draft report to the Development Management Committee in October and go to consultation on the findings in November. JW reported that he had been impressed by the presentations made by the Town Council's and hoped that the Panel and EDDC would listen to their views.

c) DCC Hub Plan

ST reported on the DCC Hub Plan. DCC had undertaken a considerable amount of research into this project and a number of surveys across the County. Exmouth was on the list, with the possibility of space being provided at the Rolle Centre.

DCC Hub's were being delivered in other towns and it was anticipated that revenue funding would be available for a scheme in Exmouth.

DCC had been talking with District and Town Council's throughout the DCC Hub plan process and workshops would be planned alongside existing District Council facilities where

	<p>appropriate.</p> <p>JME raised an issue regarding the relocation of County services to a centre within the town. Other County Council members were concerned that they had not been kept informed about such proposals and wished it noted that they be kept better informed on proposals within the town by DCC. ST agreed to report back to DCC on concerns over communication issues with County Members.</p>	
8. Results of the Exmouth Section 106 Participatory Budgeting Process	<p>JB reported on the results of the Exmouth Section 106 Participatory Budgeting Process. Over 600 Exmouth residents had taken part in the recent series of voting events to choose the sports facilities they most wanted to see funded in the town with the £250K S106 money available. A report on this issue would be made to the Town Council on Monday 12 September.</p> <p>Concern was expressed over who would pay for the running costs of the outdoor shower, for items such as vandalism and water costs.</p> <p>JB was thanked for her report.</p>	
9. Communications	<p>NS reported on the press release issued regarding the Exmouth participatory budget scheme. the Express & Echo had just issued their first weekly edition and it was noted that the editorial format had changed and it appeared that they now were reporting in a more responsible fashion.</p> <p>Generally coverage of the Regeneration stories within the town were positive. There was good upbeat news to give.</p>	Noted
10. Date and time of next meeting	<p>It was noted that a special meeting would be held on Thursday 10 November. Next calendared meeting would be held on Thursday 1 December 2011 – 2.00pm. in the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth.</p>	All
11. Any other business	<p><u>Tour of Britain</u></p> <p>JW reported on the Tour of Britain that would be visiting Exmouth in September and the excellent cooperation that had been achieved between all three LA's.</p>	