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**EXMOUTH REGENERATION PROGRAMME BOARD  
ACTION POINTS FROM A MEETING**

**HELD AT OCEAN BLUE BOWLING CENTRE, EXMOUTH ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2014**

Present:

Councillor Andrew Moulding	ATM	EDDC
Bernard Hughes	BH	Devon County Council
Jill Elson	JME	EDDC
Pauline Stott	PS	Exmouth Town Council
Tom Vaughan	TV	DCC
Richard Jacobs	RJ	EIC Group
Chris Lane	CL	EDDC
Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Eileen Wragg	EW	Devon County Council
Richard Cohen	RC	Deputy Chief Executive, EDDC
Alison Hayward	AH	EDDC
Timothy Wood	TW	EDDC
Carol Austin	CA	EDDC
Neil Downes	ND	Exe Estuary Management Partnership
Colin Poole	CP	Exmouth Town Clerk
Ian Harrison	IH	Consultant

Apologies:

Tony Alexander	TA	Exmouth Community College
Andrew Ardley	AA	Devon County Council
Andrew Leadbetter	AL	Devon County Council
Ian Thomas	IT	EDDC
John Humphreys	JH	EDDC
Ian MacQueen	NM	Exmouth Chamber of Commerce

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

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes/Decisions</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.Introduction</b>	Councillor Andrew Moulding welcomed all those present to the meeting.	
<b>2. Report of meeting held on 28 Noveember 2013</b>	The report of the meeting held on 28 November 2013, was confirmed as a true record, subject to the addition of Councillor Steve Gazzard to the list of apologies.	To note
<b>3. Matters Arising</b>	<p><u>Rolle College</u> (Minute 3 –5 September 2013 refers)</p> <p>RC reported that he would shortly be having a meeting with REL to discuss this issue. It was hoped that there would be some good news about progress. REL would be invited to a future meeting to report on progress.</p> <p><u>Orcombe Point</u> (Minute 4 –28 November 2013 refers)</p> <p>It was hoped that Lesley Garlick from DCC would be able to report to a future meeting on progress at Orcombe Point. EDDC had received approaches regarding having a refreshment kiosk on the site. If offered in the correct way it was considered that a refreshment kiosk at Orcombe Point would be a viable and useful addition to the area.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> LG be invited to give an update to the next meeting on Orcombe Point, including issues around the geoneedle site.</p>	<b>LG</b>
<b>4.Update on Mamhead Slipway</b>	<p>IH reported on progress made on the Mamhead Slipway. The slipway was still closed on safety grounds and would remain closed. The geotechnical surveys had revealed that the void beneath the slab was more extensive than the first surveys had indicated.</p> <p>The two options had been considered and Cabinet at its meeting on 5 February had agreed to proceed with the option for installing the slipway at an angle and including Mamhead Gardens in the scheme. Cabinet had also agreed to the submission of a planning application and it was also hoped to be able to upgrade the environment in the area as part of the scheme.</p> <p>IH reminded the Board that the sea wall was a listed structure and this needed to be respected. There was also the issue of maintaining the flood defence. The possibility of having a charging regime for the slipway would be investigated.</p>	Noted

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	<p>Work to proceed to a planning application was quite detailed and included the impact of the natural environment during the construction phase, including the marine ecology and bird life. It was hoped that a new slipway would bring more visitors to Exmouth.</p> <p>16 June 2014 was the target date for submission of the planning application, to be determined in October 2014. It was hoped that a start on site could be made in February 2015 with completion by summer 2015. The importance of consulting key stakeholders, such as Natural England was emphasised.</p> <p>A member raised the issue of the S106 money from Exmouth Docks and it was noted that the obligation for the provision of 30 parking spaces had been met by the developer at Pier Head, but that these were public car parking spaces and not exclusively for boat owners.</p>	
<p><b>5. The Strand – Update</b></p>	<p>AH reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Town Council had now approved the design of the bus shelter and DCC was now looking to procure it;</li> <li>❖ EDDC was awaiting for the go ahead for the planting, including replacement of dead trees;</li> <li>❖ The agreement for maintenance was still to be finalised.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Premier Inn</b></p>	<p>AH reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Outstanding planning matters;</li> <li>❖ Removal of trees, substation needed to be removed;</li> <li>❖ Internal redesign;</li> <li>❖ Juliet balconies had been reduced in size;</li> <li>❖ Intention was to start on site after Easter;</li> <li>❖ Hoardings &amp; signage for toilets</li> <li>❖ Latest internal designs for bedrooms</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Queens Drive, Exmouth Splash</b></p>	<p>AH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ that the outline planning application for the redevelopment of Queen’s Drive, Exmouth Splash had been granted at the Development Management Committee on 10 December 2013.</li> <li>❖ Marketing had taken place in February 2014;</li> <li>❖ There was a 10 week marketing period;</li> <li>❖ The criteria for selection was being referred to Cabinet for approval;</li> <li>❖ The selection panel process would involve both</li> </ul>	

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	<p>councillors and Officers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A project developer would be identified in early summer;</li> <li>❖ Commencement of the design process and planning application;</li> <li>❖ The tenants were being kept informed of progress with the scheme and marketing. Notices would be served on them later in the year to ensure they remained open in the summer period.</li> <li>❖ Ice cream kiosk – a planning application had been submitted to replace the building that had been demolished in the January storms.</li> </ul> <p>AH confirmed that a high level of quality interest had been expressed by developers in response to the marketing exercise.</p>	
<p><b>8. Camperdown</b></p>	<p>AH reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A useful meeting that had been held with local residents;</li> <li>❖ Issues included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flooding concerns</li> <li>- Boat storage</li> <li>- Location of sea cadets facilities</li> <li>- Residential use</li> <li>- Parking</li> <li>- Recreational use.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Discussions were still on going with the sea cadets and sea scouts to improve their facilities.</li> <li>❖ Overall proposals – working with Kensington Taylor Architects to improve all of the area.</li> </ul> <p>SG reported that gas was still migrating on the Imperial Recreation Ground, despite the recent work on the area. There was also the possibility of S106 money being spent to refurbish the currently dilapidated play area.</p>	
<p><b>9. Estuaryside Transformation</b></p>	<p>AH reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Supermarket development site;</li> <li>❖ Relocation of the Rugby Club;</li> <li>❖ Transport interchange – DCC was working with First Great Western to improve the station. There had also been a useful meeting with Stagecoach to discuss the bus station; also the possibility of a new pedestrian crossing.</li> <li>❖ Flood management work.</li> </ul> <p>The agent instructed by EDDC had indicated that there was still strong interest in supermarkets to build a large store in Exmouth, as the town was currently under provided for. Close contact continued with the</p>	

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	<p>rugby club and the benefits to them of moving.</p> <p>BH questioned whether there was an alternative site to Rolle College playing fields for the rugby club as this would help with negotiations with Eagle One. It was acknowledged that negotiations with Eagle One had proved challenging on this issue.</p> <p>AH would be meeting with the Environment Agency regarding flood management for the site and EW requested that Ward Members be involved with this discussion.</p>	
<p><b>10. Delivery Strategies</b></p>	<p>AH reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Overarching delivery strategy for the next key sites;</li> <li>❖ Council as landowner and enabler;</li> <li>❖ Ensuring that privately owned projects were forthcoming;</li> <li>❖ Capital and Revenue funding was available;</li> </ul> <p>JME questioned whether all Exmouth Councillors needed to meet to discuss how S106 and CIL money should be spent in the town.</p>	
<p><b>11. PR &amp; Communication Delivery Strategies</b></p>	<p>CA reported on the Communication Strategy. She and AH had been out doing presentations to community and residents groups There had been action on social media – both Facebook and Twitter.</p>	
<p><b>12. Any other business</b></p>	<p><u>Queens Drive – new toilets</u></p> <p>SG reported that he had received a number of representations regarding the new unisex toilets in Queens Drive from women. He requested that separate provision be made for women. RC confirmed that the toilets had been designed as unisex but that if problems were found in usage then consideration could be made to making the toilets gender specific. The new toilets were on target to be open before the Easter Holiday weekend.</p> <p><u>Public toilet scheme</u></p> <p>AH reported that the Grove Public House would be making their toilets facilities open to the public. The seasonal toilets would be opening on the sea front on 1 April. The Orcombe Point toilets would be open from 28 March.</p>	

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	<p><u>Graffiti</u></p> <p>SG reported on offensive graffiti on the rear of Bath House and the Ocean Drive bowling centre It was considered that Exmouth Town Council should be left to make further enquiries of the owners of the establishments regarding the removal of the graffiti.</p> <p>Members noted that [REDACTED] had now left her role with EDDC and [REDACTED] was leaving Exmouth Town Council with effect from May 2014. Members of the Board wished to thank them both for their contributions to the work of the Regeneration Board.</p>	
<p><b>13. Dates and times of future meetings</b></p>	<p>The next calendared meetings would be held on:</p> <p>15 May, 11 September and 27 November 2014.</p>	<p><b>CL/All</b></p>